WTVT, TAMPA, FL

This report covers the time period September 1, 2003 – August 31, 2004 (except where otherwise specifically noted).

Local Newscasts and Key Stories

WTVT airs 48 hours of local news each week, at the following times:

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Monday – Friday, 5 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Monday – Friday, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Monday – Friday, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Monday – Friday, 10 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday, 7 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Saturday – Sunday, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday, 10 p.m. – 11 p.m.
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In nearly 40% of these time periods, WTVT is the exclusive local broadcast news provider. The hours of local news each week on the other broadcast stations in the market are as follows:

Provided below is a brief summary of important local news stories and recurring segments that aired recently within WTVT's local news broadcasts:

- * What's Right with Tampa Bay: Monday through Thursday, FOX13's Kelly Ring tells uplifting stories that showcase "What's Right with Tampa Bay." This segment shows that love and caring are all around us, all you have to do is look for it.
- * FOX13's Consumer Lawyer: Eric Seidel is the only consumer reporter in the Tampa Bay area with a law degree. This legal background gives Eric the experience needed to quickly cut through red tape and solve our viewer's consumer related problems. Topics have included post-hurricane price gouging and tips on homeowner's insurance, as well as consumer issues relating to tenant/landlord issues, automobile repairs, online scams and mortgages.
- * Motorcycle Madmen: We caught motorcycle stunt riders and racers on camera, using the public roadways as a test track for mind-boggling stunts: pulling wheelies, racing across bridges, weaving in and out of traffic, and making cars on Interstate 275 look like they're crawling through a school zone. Corporal Bordner says there are no simple solutions, not when the bikes can outrun patrol cars and even the police chopper. But the Pinellas County Sheriff's office plans to put cameras in unmarked patrol cars.
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A comprehensive list of the station's local news stories is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Breaking News Updates

WTVT broke into and/or preempted regularly-scheduled programming on numerous occasions during the period covered by this report in order to bring its viewers breaking news or disaster information. This coverage included extended reporting on Hurricane Charley and other severe weather, amber alerts, cable outages, and other emergencies.

Public Affairs Programming

WTVT broadcasts "Your Turn", a program with live guests, for 35 minutes each day. WTVT also broadcasts Fox News Sunday and America's Black Forum, a 30 minute syndicated program that addresses African American issues. Recent topics for "Your Turn" have included:

* Consumer and credit issues, health issues, September 11 and the Iraq War, Homeland Security, parental notification of abortion, the arts in the community, elections and politics, retirement strategies, media and journalism - ethics and standards, the Terry Schiavo case (right to life), addictions and drugs, spousal abuse, suicide, transportation, genetically modified food, minority issues, the state legislature, education, senior and family issues.

In addition, WTVT aired a variety of locally produced programs of interest to views in the community. For example, the station airs programs that focus on Tampa Bay sports, local health issues and cultural events.

Finally, WTVT broadcasts a 30 minute weekly program, FOX13 Magazine, which educates and informs children between the ages of 13 and 17 about issues pertinent to teens. Written and produced entirely by high school students from Tampa Bay area schools, FOX13 Magazine gives its young participants an opportunity to write, shoot and

report their own news and information packages. The experience allows students from the community learn how to collaborate, listen, observe and think critically.

Political Coverage

WTVT has devoted extensive coverage to political issues important to its viewers. In the last year, WTVT aired pieces on the presidential campaign, Governor Bush's health care town hall meeting, local activities of Congressmen, local redevelopment, and toxic waste. The station also provides coverage of a number of debates and other public forums. Exhibit B attached hereto includes a detailed list of WTVT's political programming specials as well as the political issues covered in the station's local newscasts.

Public Service Announcements

WTVT makes its air-time throughout the broadcast day available to public service announcements for a variety of causes, such as:

* Domestic Violence

* Kids Immunity

* Earth Share

* UNICEF

* Family Health

* Drunk Driving

As an example, during a week in June, WTVT broadcast nearly 20 minutes of public service announcements.

Participation in the Community

WTVT's on-air newscasters and behind-the-scenes employees have made a commitment to participate in the Tampa Bay community. The station's employees take part in a variety of events in and around the city, such as:

- * Fortune Education Foundation 12th Annual Fundraiser:
- * Tampa Bay Academy of Hope Eight Annual Harvest of Hope Awards Banquet
- * Hillsborough County NAACP ACT-SO Annual Showcase Banquet
- * The Centre for Girls Community based drop in program

A comprehensive list of the station's participation in the community is attached as Exhibit C hereto.

WTVT is committed to hearing from members of the community, and affords the public with an array of methods to share their thoughts and opinions. Included in these are:

* "Your Turn" – This regular segment during WTVT's noon newscast allows viewers to call-in and participate in the daily discussion.

- * "Tell Us What You Think" WTVT regularly airs on-air promos inviting viewers to let us know what they think of our coverage and to share their thoughts via email or our website link.
- * "FOX13 News Tip Line" On-air promos direct viewers to contact WTVT with news tips or story ideas.
- * WTVT's Director of Human Resources attended "Diversity Issues within Workplace and Community at Large" at the Florida Holocaust Museum.

WTVT was involved in the following outreach initiatives:

* Participation in conventions, career days, workshops and similar activities sponsored by organizations representing groups interested in broadcast employment issues: UNITY Convention, August 4-8, 2004.

EXHIBIT A - Local News Stories

RECURRING SEGMENTS:

<u>FOX13's Consumer Lawyer</u>: Eric Seidel is the only consumer reporter in the Tampa Bay area with a law degree. This legal background gives Eric the experience needed to quickly cut through red tape and solve our viewer's consumer related problems. Topics have included post-hurricane price gouging and tips on homeowner's insurance, as well as consumer issues relating to tenant/landlord issues, automobile repairs, online scams and mortgages.

<u>FOX13 Investigates:</u> Reporter Doug Smith uncovers corruption, fraud and government waste.

What's Right with Tampa Bay: Monday through Thursday at 6PM, FOX13's Kelly Ring tells uplifting stories that showcase "What's Right with Tampa Bay." This segment shows that love and caring are all around us, all you have to do is look for it. The best part is, these stories of hope are found right here in our own backyard.

<u>Ask A Lawyer:</u> Lawyers from the Hillsborough Bar Association answer viewers legal questions the first Thursday of each month from 7am to 9am during FOX13's Good Day Tampa Bay.

<u>Ask A Doctor:</u> Doctors from the Hillsborough Medical Association answer viewers medical questions the last Thursday of the month from 7am to 9am during FOX13's Good Day Tampa Bay.

<u>Ask A Vet:</u> On the last Monday of each month, Dr. Sonja Olson of Florida Veterinary Specialists & Cancer Treatment Center answers viewers calls live during the 8 o'clock hour of Good Day Tampa Bay.

SAMPLE STORIES:

Trucking Wastewater and Food: A FOX13 investigation first uncovered information about a large Polk County trucking company that hauled wastewater in the very same stainless steel containers used to move food. The company says it cleaned the tanks, but U.S. Senator Bill Nelson was outraged when we shared our discovery with him. Bob Crawford, Director of Florida's Department of Citrus, said "You have uncovered it and we need to make sure it gets fixed." Congressman Mike Bilirakis was also surprised. He thought the guidelines were in place to prevent a trucking company from hauling wastewater and then later carrying orange juice. He says he's prepared to write a new bill, if that's what it takes to make sure the old law is enforced, so there's absolutely no confusion ensuring wastewater and orange juice will never again be hauled in the same trucks. The Food and Drug Administration is now investigating. On the state level, the Department of Agriculture is conducting its own investigation. Florida's Natural,

Tropicana and Minute Maid have suspended business with Indian River Transport. But those juice companies want the public to know they run their own independent tests on their juice to ensure quality and safety and maintain their juice was not compromised.

<u>Trucking Wastewater and Food – FDA Memo:</u> When FOX13 uncovered that a Polk County trucking company hauled wastewater and orange juice in the same trailers, the Federal Government promised to investigate. Now there's a new development in the case. Earlier this month, Indian River Transport sent a letter to some of the major juice companies along with a memo written by an investigator with the Food and Drug Administration. The company points to the FDA memo as evidence that it did nothing wrong. The FDA investigator visited Indian River Transport's Polk County headquarters back in October after FOX13 spoke with lawmakers in Washington D.C. Our investigation this fall caught the attention of Federal lawmakers who for the past few months have been calling for change. At lawmakers urging, the Food and Drug Administration then promised a thorough investigation based on what FOX13 uncovered. Our investigation revealed that the same tank trucks used to haul wastewater from a shutdown fertilizer plant in Manatee County were later used to carry orange juice for several big juice companies. FOX13 has obtained a copy of the FDA memo and Indian River Transports' letter to juice companies. In the letter, a Vice-President from Indian River writes, "This investigative report from the FDA substantiates that no Indian River Transport tankers were ever used in the water project and no corrective action by Indian River needs to be taken." But what does the memo really say? Florida's Department of Environmental Protection describes the wastewater hauled in the tank trucks as tainted by heavy metals, phosphorus and slightly radioactive materials. Indian River Transport told FOX13 that Para Marine trailers were used to haul wastewater, then put back into food service after a thorough cleaning process called passivation, a nitric acid wash followed by a powerful detergent. The company says it then tested for contamination. As for the FDA's investigation, Indian River told us that the FDA found no violations and will not issue a warning or written correction. As of December 10, 2003 the FDA has not provided FOX13 with any information on its investigation despite repeated requests. Congressmen Michael Bilirakis and U.S. Senator Bill Nelson are also pushing the FDA, but as of December 10, 2003 the FDA has failed to provide their offices with any information on the Indian River Transport investigation.

Trucking Wastewater and Food – FDA Takes No Action: You won't see stainless steel tank trucks with the name Para Marine rolling down the road anymore. The parent company, Indian River Transport of Polk County, closed the division after FOX13 uncovered that some Para Marine trucks hauled slightly radioactive wastewater and then orange juice in the same tanks. The name Para Marine has disappeared and now elected leaders who called for a federal investigation are outraged that the issue has disappeared off the Food and Drug Administration's radar screen. The FDA closed its investigation without taking any action. "It is the responsibility of the U.S. government to look out for the health and welfare of its citizens," said U.S. Senator Bill Nelson reacting to news the FDA took no action against the company. "When you have drinkable orange juice being put into a truck that has contained wastewater, common sense would tell you that's not in the interest of the health and welfare of the citizens of this country." According to Indian

River Transport, all the trucks involved in moving the wastewater were thoroughly reconditioned before hauling the juice. U.S. Senator Bill Nelson and Congressmen Mike Bilirakis both believe the company broke the law. The FDA sent an investigator to talk with Indian River Transport, but took no action. "It is outrageous that an agency of the U.S. government would say we're not going to do anything about that" said Senator Nelson. Why was nothing done? FOX13 wanted to find out and pressed the FDA for its records now that the investigation is closed. But after three months of public records requests, the FDA provided no new information. In fact, FDA Compliance Officer Jimmy Walthall called the matter "a dead issue." The outcome of the FDA investigation came as a shock to Oakley Transport, one of the nation's largest food transportation companies also located in Polk County, Florida. "We were appalled," said Craig Stephens, Oakley Transport's Director of Operations. "There's over 200 years of experience in our operations room. All of us combined were just amazed there was no further action on this." Stephens believes that once a tank to is used to carry waste, it should never be used to carry food. Some people within Florida's Department of Agriculture agree. The State of Florida is considering whether a new state law is needed to prevent trucking companies from carrying food and waste products in the same tanks. A group comprised of policymakers, industry experts and food safety specialists is studying the issue.

Drive-through Drinking: A FOX13 investigation uncovered that drive-through windows may pose a serious threat when those windows are at liquor stores. For weeks, we watched people hit the drive-through, and time and time again, store clerks sold us everything we needed to mix a drink right in the driver's seat with no questions asked. The "set-up" is everything anyone needs to mix one for the road: a small bottle of booze, a mixer, a small bag of ice, and a single cup. Surprisingly, it's not against the law in Florida. It's not illegal for clerks so sell booze to someone with an open container in the car or even if they appear drunk. "I believe what they are selling is tragedy," said Linda Unfried of Mothers Against Drunk Driving when we showed her our videotape. 28 states have either outlawed or are trying to outlaw drive-through windows at liquor stores, and after seeing the results of our investigation, State Representative Murman is working on a similar bill to address the situation in Florida. We sat down with Charles E. Bailes III, the president of ABC Fine Wines & Spirits, Florida's largest liquor store chain and wanted to show him what was happening at drive-through windows. But even before reviewing our video, he read a prepared statement saying his company is changing it's policy of 50 years and closing all 30 of its drive-through windows in Florida. "I believe the investigation was ninety-nine percent responsible for their decision," Unfried said. "I would love to see Florida follow other states and do something responsible and close the drive-throughs." Bailes told us he would support a law banning these windows at all liquor stores. State Representative Murman plans to push ahead and persuade politicians to pass a law.

<u>Motorcycle Madmen:</u> We caught motorcycle stunt riders and racers on camera, using the public roadways as a test track for mind-boggling stunts: pulling wheelies, racing across bridges, weaving in and out of traffic, and making cars on Interstate 275 look like they're crawling through a school zone. Corporal Bordner says there are no simple

solutions, not when the bikes can outrun patrol cars and even the police chopper. But the Pinellas County Sheriff's office plans to put cameras in unmarked patrol cars.

It's That Easy: Are the people asking for donations at Tampa Bay area intersections helping the homeless, or are they hustlers who have managed to fool passing motorists and even governmental agencies that are supposed to be looking out for the public? FOX13's investigative reporter Doug Smith spent months investigating a non-profit organization called "It's that Easy." The groups' founder, Rick Quintana told us he had nothing to hide. So we watched, and saw them soliciting drivers the day before Thanksgiving at the intersection of Hillsborough Avenue and Sheldon Road in Tampa, and again, in December dressed as Santa's helpers on Ulmerton Road near US 19 in Pinellas County. The group reappeared on New Year's Day working several intersections in Hillsborough County. We watched them collect money, then divide it up and spend it. Sometimes they bought snacks and sodas. Right after they knocked off one day in November, they hit the grocery store and some used the money from the jugs to buy beer. Rick Quintana's record from the mid-1980's includes convictions for armed robbery, kidnapping, fraud, grand theft, and forged checks. But that didn't prevent him from paying ten dollars, filling out some paperwork, and legally registering, "Its that Easy" with the state of Florida as a charitable organization. Twenty-five dollars, a little more paperwork got him the green light from Pinellas County as well, another legal permit. Susanna Tootle with Pinellas County Justice and Consumer Services told us her agency had no choice but to give Quintana a permit to solicit. But Sergeant Glenn Luben of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office has a different point of view. "People are assuming he's helping," says Luben, "But with his criminal background, I have issues with what he's doing with the money." Sgt. Luben says while the group's solicitation permit might be legal, their method of soliciting money from drivers is not. A Pinellas County ordinance says solicitors are supposed to stay at least four feet away from the roadway as a matter of public safety. Sergeant Luben has cited Quintana and members of his group for violating that ordinance, and a judge recently found Quintana guilty of soliciting too close to the roadway. Quintana requested community service instead of paying a fine. When his workers get in trouble, Quintana signs off of their community service. After the judges learned Quintana was signing off on community service, the court put a stop to it.

Cockpit Security: FOX13 obtained a videotape of a cockpit door on U.S. bound international flight being open during a flight. We started investigating, but the Department of Homeland Security wasn't interested, wouldn't even agree to look at the tape, and passed us off to the Transportation Security Administration. We didn't get much further with TSA. A spokesperson said because this didn't happen on the ground, it's not the agency's area. The Federal Aviation Administration told us if the incident didn't happen in United States airspace, it has no jurisdiction. Instead, the FAA suggested we contact the French government. Yes, our government told us to call France, since Air Tahiti Nui, the airline on tape, is a French airline. So who's looking out for you when governmental agencies that have the responsibility of keeping us safe look the other way because its not their problem? "If the system failed, it needs to be fixed," said Congressman Jim Davis while watching the videotape. "My experience is these agencies

are behind in getting their job done." But Davis believes someone from the federal government should contact Air Tahiti Nui about the incident caught on videotape. When FOX13 contacted Air Tahiti Nui, the airline sent us a statement explaining its rules for the cockpit. The document says, "When flying over the United States, and approximately 30 minutes prior to landing in the United States, the cockpit door remains locked and closed, except when access is required by the crew." Congressman Jim Davis: "I think you say it's the responsibility of the United States government to make sure these countries' are regulating their air carriers so that they are compatible with ours when they are bringing them into the United States. It should not be difficult to make sure this never happens again." Congressman Jim Davis is not the only high government official concerned about this incident. U.S. Senator Bill Nelson has also agreed to view the videotape later this week. We've also shown it to Congressman John Mica who wrote the Aviation and Transportation Security Act, the Act that created the TSA.

Cockpit Security – A Call for Change: A FOX13 investigation has powerful politicians calling for change. We showed them dramatic video shot by a passenger on an international flight ultimately bound for the United States. The video shows an Air Tahiti Nui passenger jet flying with an open cockpit door. We showed the videotape to U. S. Senator Bill Nelson who said that foreign airlines must do a better job of securing the cockpit or we shouldn't let them land at airports in the United States. "The hammer that the U.S. Government has - and that it ought to use - is you reject their approval for landing in U. S. Airports if they are not complying with those regulations," said Nelson. Those regulations mandate that pilots flying for U. S. airlines must close and lock the cockpit door. "The cockpit door is locked from the time we leave to the time we land, period," said Jim Kelly, a commercial pilot who flies international routes for a major U. S. carrier. Some lawmakers are now calling on foreign airlines to follow the standards set almost two years ago by the International Civil Aviation Organization or ICAO which say the cockpit door, "...must be closed and locked from the time all external doors of an aircraft are closed until they are opened at destination, except to permit access, by authorized persons." "We're hoping that in 2004 most of these carriers would comply." Said Congressman John Mica who helped draft standards for U. S. carriers. But the international standards are voluntary. Congressman Mica says enforcement has proved difficult, but he believes foreign airlines that don't follow the guidelines could be easy targets. U.S. Senator Bill Nelson is also concerned. He's calling on all airlines that fly into the United States to strengthen their cockpit door policies. The elected leaders we spoke with now plan to urge the Department of Homeland Security to review the tape and look for ways to improve security on International flights bound for the U.S.

Cockpit Security – Change on the Horizon: Top officials at the Department of Homeland Security are now taking a close look at cockpit security after a FOX13 investigation exposed an open door policy that could put us all in danger. The video terrified U.S. Senator Charles Schumer from New York who says he is worried about another terrorist attack using foreign planes as lethal weapons. "It's so outrageous because a terrorist will figure out in a New York minute that they can take a foreign plane and go into the cockpit and crash it into a U.S. building," said Senator Schumer while watching the video. "I think you're doing the right thing by showing it. You're doing a service." Plenty of

powerful politicians all across the county have shared Senator Schumer's outrage and concern. In Florida, U.S. Senator Bill Nelson spoke out saying, "This should never have happened." It sounds like a simple fix, but when we contacted the Federal Aviation Administration and the Transportation Security Administration, neither agency would take the lead. "That's the Abbott and Costello of this thing," said U. S. Senator Schumer. "It's why people scratch their heads in wonderment at Washington. The TSA says (the airplane was) in the air so it's not them. The FAA is pointing to the other guy. That's not how to stop another 9/11." Congressman Jim Davis of Tampa has contacted Asa Hutchinson, Undersecretary for the Department of Homeland Security. Davis says Undersecretary Hutchinson was very concerned. "I believe this problem was brought to the attention of someone who can do something about it in the Department of Homeland Security and the wheels are turning right now toward a solution." Davis went on to say a new rule resolving the weakness in cockpit security could come as early as next week. In addition to Congressman Davis, many other elected leaders are now pushing for immediate change as a result of our investigation.

Cockpit Security – A New Rule: The Department of Homeland Security is taking emergency action as the result of a FOX13 investigation. The federal government is now telling foreign airlines keep cockpit doors closed on flights here or face the consequences. When we first contacted the U.S. Transportation Security Administration in February, a spokesperson told us TSA only handles security issues when the plane is on the ground. So we contacted a half dozen members of congress and showed them the videotape. From this day forward, six weeks after we first contacted the Transportation Security Administration, the TSA issued an emergency amendment that covers all foreign airlines. Now, just like U.S. carriers, foreign airlines must keep the cockpit door shut on flights to and from the United States. Congressmen Jim Davis was the first elected leader to take the issue directly to top officials at the Department of Homeland Security. The rule change effecting all planes landing in the U.S. is especially gratifying for Andrew Rydholm from Tampa who shot the videotape in November. "The next time I board an international flight, I will feel safer that knowing that the cockpit door will be kept close," Said Rydholm. "It goes to show that one person can make a difference."

Beach Parking: A FOX13 investigation uncovered businesses charging for Clearwater Beach parking spots they don't even own - spots that are part of the public right-of-way. Tow away signs warn what will happen if you decided to park without paying. It looks like there's no choice, if you want to stay, you must pay. The advertised rate is whatever motel owners feel like charging. We found signs that offered parking for five, eight and ten dollars a day. In contrast, at Clearwater's public lot, the prices are set and the rules are clear, but on the street, confusion rules. "We need to fix this problem," said Vice Mayor Frank Hibbard when we showed him our videotape. "This is public land that individuals are reaping the rewards and towing at will." Said Hibbard. Hibbard plans to bring up the issue at next week's City Council meeting and push for stronger action. He says the city tried to work with these motel owners and let them use parking spots partially in the right of way as long as they didn't charge. He's disappointed some motels didn't hold up their end of the deal.

<u>Jiggler Key Bandits:</u> With the summer heat comes a big spike in stolen vehicles. Kids on summer break are hitting cars left on bay area streets and in parking lots. It doesn't take long to become a victim, and police detectives say many teenage thieves are using a tool called a jiggler key. So, what can you do to protect yourself from jiggler key bandits. Detectives say the club is a good buy. Car alarms and even anti-theft stickers on the window might turn away some car thieves. If you're in the market for a car, detectives say consider buying a stick shift. Many teenage thieves don't know how to drive them.

<u>Arsenic-tainted Mulch:</u> After he came down with a mysterious illness, Victor and Nancy Alvarez believe the mulch they spread, spread a poison through their body. They say lab tests confirmed that they were suffering from arsenic poisoning. The State of Florida launched a study, and scientists started collecting samples of mulch from home improvement stores, playgrounds and public areas across Florida. They also tested mulch from the Alvarez's yard. What they discovered is alarming - many of the samples, including one from a playground and another from the Alvarez yard, tested positive for arsenic. How did it get in the mulch? Scientists say the answer points back to another public health scare. Remember arsenic playgrounds? The issue was big news in the 90's. Arsenic started leaching out of pressure treated wood. Playgrounds were closed and torn down, decks and porches made from pressure-treated wood were ripped out. Dr. Helena Solo-Gabriele of the University of Miami is one of the scientists who received funding to study arsenic in mulch. She says some of that arsenic-treated wood was recycled and turned into mulch. "That wood, the recycled wood has a grayish, dirty-gray look," Solo-Gabriele told us. "It requires the addition of a colorant so that people would be willing to buy it." In the 1990's, red dye became the life-blood to transform old, gray recycled wood into attractive new mulch. But in some cases, the new color hides an old health hazard. "Half of the red colored samples tested positive." Says Solo-Gabriele. Victor and Nancy Alvarez hope their story serves as a warning because you won't find one on the bag. While the government doesn't require a warning label, the mulch industry is taking some voluntary steps to reassure consumers. Just this month, the group started a new voluntary program to test mulch for high levels of arsenic and label products which are arsenic-free.

Trouble on Tap: Just about all convenience stores sell fountain drinks in paper cups. But at the Surfside in St. Petersburg, the owner has a tap behind the counter and puts beer in paper cups. These drinks are served with a straw and plastic lid to go. You might assume the state of Florida has strict laws for any business set up to sell alcoholic beverages. But a FOX13 investigation reveals that is not the case. Even more troubling is what we uncovered could be happening at any store in Florida with the same liquor license. On any given afternoon, you'll see a steady stream of customers leaving the store drinking from red paper cups with the familiar Coca-Cola logo and then driving off. From outside the store, there's no way of telling the customers that are drinking soda from the ones who are walking out with beer in their cups. As a result of our investigation, State Representative Charlie Justice is working on a law to make sure businesses that are granted a 2COP liquor license have a place for customers to sit. He is also concerned that beer is being sold in paper cups labeled Coca-Cola. Representative

Justice is doing some research to determine if legislation is appropriate to curb that business practice as well.

MINORITY ISSUES: FOX13's coverage of minority issues included a focus on Black History Month in February. Topics included pioneers for Black rights and the injustices that remain. A strong proponent for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's work is Darryl Rouson, the bay area's leader of the NAACP. Rouson is ready to retire, but he continues to target specific advancements for his race. Reverend Samuel Kyles, one of the men accompanying Dr. King the day he was killed, provides viewers with his historical account of the story and urges people to follow through on King's dream. Other reports included a new research study showed troubling gaps in graduation rates among minority high school students; an incident of a young white male placing a noose around the neck of a black child on a bet - are the young man's parents also responsible for his actions?; Research revealing that too many minority students are being left behind when it comes to getting a high school diploma; a look at Brown vs. Board of Education 50 years later; a local citizens group called the Uhuru Movement says police are unfairly targeting African American youth...for the way they dress. The trial seeking monetary damages for the death of Tyron Lewis (which set off riots in St. Petersburg several years ago) sparked violence in the streets that protesters deny were acts of a criminal nature. A Zephyrhills woman says her fight to rename a street after Dr. Martin Luther King has provoked hate crimes against her. After nine months of racially charged demonstrations over dress code, protesters claim victory as rules are changed. Also, the NAACP says the young woman involved in a deadly hit and run accident should face a more serious charge and that leniency is racially motivated. They are asking for an independent investigation.

In other minority issue stories, FOX13 also reported that slavery is not dead. Now, however, it is called "Human trafficking," and it is here in Florida's agricultural community. WTVT also covered such controversial issues as gay marriage, the right to display or wear images of the confederate flag and the question of who is responsible when children carry out hate crimes; Links between the cases and of four missing gay men and the searches were reported, with the gay community in Tampa on alert; Tampa Mayor Iorio, by executive order, extended health benefits to unmarried city workers, regardless of sexual orientation - is this a God-send, or, as some groups claim, an act of sanctioning immorality; In April, the national debate over Gay marriage unfolded in Tama as more couples said "I do" at the Hillsborough County Courthouse; a major class-action lawsuit against Wal-Mart covers more than a million-and-a-half female employees - it makes Wal-Mart the defendant in the largest discrimination lawsuit in America's history.

EXHIBIT B - Political Programming

Political Issues within news broadcasts:

9/13-27/04 Coverage included: Nader on Florida ballot...candidate visits to

Florida...presidential polls...political ads...the campaign and terrorism...

"Your Turn" segment of the FOX13 News at Noon:

9/21/04 35 minutes (approx.)

Are the touch screen voting machines secure?

Guests: Vincent Lipsio, from verifiedvoting.org and 26 year veteran of computers firmware and software. Dan Nolan, Chief of Staff from the

Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections Office.

9/23/04 35 minutes (approx.)

Decision 2004: Talking politics with our political analysts

Guests: Chris Ingram and Chris Griffin

Fox News Sunday:

9/19/04 1 hour

Political discussion on swing states; Iraq

9/25/04 Preempted locally due to continuing coverage of Hurricane Jeanne

(topics were Iraq and the Presidential debates)

America's Black Forum:

9/18/04 30 minutes

Will There be a 2000 Election Replay? Voter fraud and intimidation

continue to be of concern.

9/24/04 30 minutes

An interview with vice presidential candidate John Edwards; the panel's' thoughts on the records and commitment of the major parties' candidates to black Americans.

Coverage of debates/town hall meetings/public forums included the following:

*John Kerry in bay area Sunday and Monday...

^{*}Kerry at Tampa's Ballast Point park this morning...

^{*}John Kerry in Florida tomorrow...rally at University of Miami (scene of

¹st Presidential debate)...later to a town hall meeting in Palm Beach

^{*}Gov. Bush is holding a town hall meeting on health care in St. Petersburg today...

^{*}Town meeting for residents who lived near the old Sauffer chemical plant...

- *Town hall meeting with local congresswoman, Florida Dept. of Elder Affairs, and Florida Department of Human Services regarding Medicare changes...
- *U.S. Senator Bill Nelson to hold a town hall meeting in Plant City regarding Coronet Industries and environmental water tests...
- *Senator Nelson to hold town hall meeting in Pasco county...
- *Congressman Bilirakis holds town hall meeting about Stauffer chemical plant clean-up...
- *What's a Caucus vs. Primary...
- *Public Forum on the future of Albert Whitted Airport...
- *Public hearing on manatee safety zones the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission wants to put in place...
- *City officials planning public forum regarding St. Petersburg redevelopment...
- *Community meeting regarding allegations of police brutality...
- *Community meeting on toxic waste site...

Other political specials included:

- *John Kerry's VP announcement (7/6/04) and speech the DNC (7/29/04). (WTVT also aired President Bush's speech at the RNC (9/2/04) outside the reporting window requested).
- *Heading into Florida's primary election, WTVT's "Your Turn" segment during the noon news featured candidates in Florida's U.S. Senate race from August 23 27, 2004:

8/23:Mel Martinez8/24:Alex Penelas8/25:Betty Castor8/26:Bill McCollum8/27:Doug Gallagher8/30:Johnnie Byrd

*Primary election coverage on 8/31/04 included an extended late newscast

*State of the Union Address, analysis and response (1/28/03)

WTVT also broke into regularly scheduled programming for coverage including President Bush at the U.N. (9/23/03), the capture of Saddam Heisen (12/14/03), Secretary of State Rice and the 9/11 commission (4/8/04), Bush & Blair (4/16/04), numerous cut-ins regarding the IRAQ war, coverage relating to the death and funeral of former President Ronald Reagan (6/5, 6/9, and 6/11/04), and the 9/11 report (7/22/04).

EXHIBIT C - Community Participation

WTVT employees and anchors also participate in an array of community events. An outline of scheduled engagements is provided below:

September 2003 Speaking Engagement Calendar

9/15/03	Giselle Guerra	Speaker JPMORGAN Chase Hispanic Heritage Month Seminar 11:15 a.m. Fountain Square 3 – Memorial Highway
9/20/03	Denise White	Emcee The Family Enrichment Center, Inc. Annual Banquet Hilton Hotel – N. Lois Avenue Coreatha Larkins 813/226-3189
9/24/03	Warren Elly	Speaker Federal Public Information Officers Tampa FBI Office Carl Whitehead – Special Agent in Charge
9/24/03	Howard Shapiro	Speaker Tampa Palms Elementary Weather Elaine Lee – Teacher
9/29/03	Keith Bunce	Workshop Panelist Tampa Bay Association of Black Journalists Plant Hall University of Tampa

October 2003 Speaking Engagement Calendar

10/11/03	Giselle Guerra	One-day Congress Session
		Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg
		Pastoral Congress on Vocations
		Follow up to the North American Congress n
		Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life
		8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
		Bishop Lynch 727/344-1611
10/15/03	Ken Suarez	Florida Public Relations
	Jamie Cook	Florida Southern College
		Workshop

6:00 p.m.

10/17/03	Russell Rhodes	Emcee Annual Firefighters Awards Banquet Higgins Hall 7:30 p.m.
10/17/03	Steve Nichols	Media Panel Pinellas County Administrator and Department Directors Ronnie Goldstien 727/464-4600
10/21/03	Tom Curran Anne Dwyer	Emcee The Florida Orchestra Youth Concert Ferguson Hall – Tampa Bay Performing Arts Susan Haig 813/286-1170
10/25/03	Russell Rhodes	Master of Ceremonies Project Grace Annual Celebration of Life
10/27/03	Kathy Fountain	USF – American and International Terrorism Dr. George Buck – Professor and class Meeting at the station
10/30/03	Chip Carter	MC – Fundraiser St. John Presbyterian Learning Center Year of the Child Breakfast
10/31/03	Nancy Alexander	Celebrity Appearance Tampa General Hospital 4 th Annual TGH pumpkin craving contest

November 2003 Speaking Engagement Calendar

Great American Teach In:

Belcher Curlew Creek Elementary

no request received no other info available

Channel Oak Grove Elementary

6315 North Armenia Avenue

Tampa, 33604

Mary H. Gonzalez 356-1532

No times noted – this is Amani's day off

Dellegatto Tampa Bay Blvd. Elementary

3111 Tampa Bay Blvd.

Kathie Champagne 872-5208 November 19 – 10:00 am & 10:30 am

5th Grade (60 students)

Dwyer Hunter's Green Elementary

9202 Highland Oak Drive

Tampa, FL 33647 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Elly Marshall Middle School

18 South Maryland Avenue

Plant City

November 19 8:45 am

Fenske Folsom Elementary

Ms. Taylor (2nd grade) Ms. Robinson (4th Grade)

November 19 – this is Steve's day off – no times

available

Guerra Seminole Middle – Special Education Department

8601 131st Street North Seminole, FL 33706

Michelle Ditsworth – 727/547-4520

November 20 (11-1pm)

Hardman Eagle Lake Elementary

400 Crystal Beach Road Eagle Lake, FL 33839 November 19 – 8:30 am

Sarah McCollum (863) 298-7801

Johnson Freedom High School

17410 Commerce Park Blvd.

Tampa, FL 33647

November 19 or November 20

Earth Science Class (8:15 am – 10:15 am)

Karen Baker – 813/558-1185

Makinen Boyette Springs Elementary

10141 Sedgebrook Drive Riverview, FL 33569 Need Phone Numbers November 19 (11:00 – 1:30) Kindergarten classes (50 kids) Would like to send the SNG truck

Murphy Alexander Elementary

5602 North Lois Ave November 19, 2003 4th Grade – 45 Kids

Ring Roland Park Elementary

1510 North Manhattan Ave

Tampa 33607

November 19 (1-2pm)

Mary Lou Whaley 870-1010 X8359

Scarpa Brandon High School

Allen (requested camera operators, technical directors)

Erin Hughey – TV Production November 19 – 1:15 –2:45 PM

Suarez Lawton Chiles Middle Academy

Cook: 400 North Florida Avenue

Lakeland

November 19 8:00 am

Thaddeus Davis (863) 499-2742

Weber Seffner Christian Academy

11605 U.S. Highway 92

Seffner

November 19 (8-9:30 or noon-1:30 or 1-2:30 pm)

3 Classes (60) 2nd Graders Diane Duncan 626-0001 X218

White Broward Elementary

400 West Osborne Ave.

Tampa 33603

November 19 (8:15 – 1:00pm)

5th Grade – 26 Students Mary Mills 276-5592

11/7/03 Charley Belcher Fashion Announcer

Sunrise of Pasco County Annual Fashion Show Solutions Thrift Store

6:00 p.m.

Grace Maineri 352/567-1843

11/10/03 Chris Field Speaker

Tampa Sports Club – Weekly Meeting

Malio's Steakhouse

11/12/03 Keith Bunce Speaker

> **CHLORSEP Seminar** Hilton Westshore

Joey Workman 423/336-4248

Cynthia Smoot 11/14/03 Emcee

Dress For Success Tampa Bay

Noon

Crowne Plaza

11/18/03 Chris Field Emcee

Tampa Chamber of Commerce Breakfast

Sue House

December 2003 Speaking Engagement Calendar

Keith Bunce 12/2/03 Speaker

Public Relations Student Society of America

University of South Florida Carol Williams 813/973-9831

12/2/03 Ken Suarez Speaker

Education Workshop

Polk County Elections Office Judy Walker 863/559-9242

10:00 a.m.

January 2004 Speaking Engagement Calendar

1/16/04 Ken Suarez Churchwell Elementary School

> Jamie Cook Career Day Lakeland, FL

1/28/04 Charley Belcher West Pasco Chamber

Business Development Week

Keynote Speaker for High School Students

February 2004 Speaking Engagement Calendar

2/16/04 Paul Dellegatto Pasco County Fair

Grand Marshall

Dade City

2/17/04	Frank Robertson	March of Dimes Emcee Walk America Kickoff
2/21/04	Kelly Ring	Tampa Bay Little League Opening Day Ceremony Events Emcee
2/21/04	Ken Suarez	Polk Advertising Federation Addy Awards Competition Emcee
2/23/04	Steve Nichols	CONA Leadership Training Meeting Speaker St. Petersburg Museum of History
2/26/04	Chris Field	Florida Strawberry Festival 27 th Annual Fashion Show Emcee Plant City
2/28/04	Russell Rhodes	Great Explorations Annual Fundraiser "The Great Party" Emcee St. Petersburg

March 2004 Speaking Engagement Calendar

3/3/04	John Wilson	Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services 10 th Annual "Celebrity Celebration" Emcee St. Petersburg
3/10/04	Doug Smith	Clearwater Christian College Speaker Mass Communication Class Clearwater
3/11/04	Chris Field	Morning Star School Morning Star Gala Emcee Tampa
3/16/04	Mark Wilson	Lakewood Estates Civic Association

Speaker St. Petersburg

April 2004 Speaking Engagement Calendar

4/3/04	Kelly Ring	American Cancer Society's Cattle Baron's Ball Emcee Tampa
4/22/04	Cynthia Smoot	Humane Society of Tampa Bay Passion for Pets Breakfast Emcee Tampa
4/24/04	Frank Robertson	Morton Plant Mease Foundation Corporate Associates Distinguished Speaker Series Moderator Tarpon Springs
4/26/04	Dave Osterburg	Lopez Elementary Speaker Seffner

May 2004 Speaking Engagement Calendar

5/1/04	Denise White	National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Annual Founders Day Celebration Mistress of Ceremony
5/1/04	Ray Collins	Make A Wish Annual Fundraiser Host Sarasota
5/7/04	Andy Johnson	Esther D. Burney Elementary School Speaker Plant City
5/13/04	Ken Suarez Jamie Cook	Leadership Lakeland Lakeland Chamber of Commerce Arts/Communication Day Panel Discussion Lakeland
5/13/04	Mark Wilson	Pinellas County Schools

		Battle of the Books Competition Moderator
5/19/04	Frank Robertson	Society of Marketing Professionals "Trends in Healthcare" Panel Discussion Moderator
5/21/04	Charley Belcher	2 nd Annual Bay Area Hope Gala St. Jude Children's Research Children's Hospital Emcee Clearwater
5/25/04	Frank Robertson	Polk County Sheriff 42 nd Annual Florida Youth Villa Golf Classic Speaker Bartow
5/26/04	Kathy Fountain	School Board of Polk County Hall of Fame Inductee Lake Wales
5/27/04	Russell Rhodes	Taste of the Nation Share Our Strength Taste Fundraiser Master of Ceremonies

June 2004 Speaking Engagement Calendar

6/5/04	Denise White	Fortune Education Foundation 12 th Annual Fundraiser: The Celebrity Elegance Auction/Dinner Gala Hostess
6/17/04	Frank Robertson Kathy Fountain	Tampa Bay Academy of Hope Emcee Eight Annual Harvest of Hope Awards Banquet
6/25/04	Amani Channel	Hillsborough County NAACP ACT-SO Annual Showcase Banquet Master of Ceremonies

JULY 2004 Speaking Engagement Calendar

7/13/04	Keith Bunce	Poynter Institute
		Panel Discussion

St. Petersburg

7/28/04 Cynthia Smoot The Centre for Girls

A project of The Center for Women Community based drop in program

Career Presentation

In addition, WTVT has placed ads in local minority publications during focuses on Black History and the Urban League. WTVT provides "FOX13 Magazine" t-shirts to students involved in the production of the locally produced teen-focused program (airs on WTVT Saturday mornings 11:30am-12n)

WTVT also has supported the Tampa Firefighters with a monetary donation.

Communication With the Community:

WTVT is committed to hearing from members of the community, and affords the public with an array of methods to share their thoughts and opinions. Included in these are:

"Your Turn" – This regular segment during WTVT's noon newscast allows viewers to call-in and participate in the daily discussion.

"Tell Us What You Think" – WTVT regularly airs on-air promos inviting viewers to let us know what they think of our coverage and to share their thoughts via e-mail or our website link.

"FOX13 News Tip Line" – On-air promos direct viewers to contact WTVT with news tips or story ideas.

Website links: "Tell Us What You Think," "News Tipline," "FOX13 Invesitgates," "Consumer Lawyer," and a general e-mail option.

WTVT's Director of Human Resources attended "Diversity Issues within Workplace and Community at Large" at the Florida Holocaust Museum.

WTVT was involved in the following outreach initiatives:

Hosting, co-sponsoring or participating in job fairs: Unity Convention, August 4-8, 2004

Participation in conventions, career days, workshops and similar activities sponsored by organizations representing groups interested in broadcast employment issues: UNITY Convention, August 4-8, 2004

Internship programs: News: 10 participants (University of South Florida, Florida State University, University of Mississippi, University of Miami,

St. Petersburg College, Jacksonville University, Connecticut School of Broadcasting); Sales: 3 participants (University of South Florida); Weather: 1 participant (Jacksonville University)

Participation in scholarship programs: Sponsor Work-Study Scholarship Student
– Emma Bowen Foundation for Minority Interests in Media, Inc.

Mentoring or training programs for station personnel: Identified and implemented 6 career ladder promotional avenues

Promotions Coordinator⇒ Promotions Producer
Satellite Coordinator ⇒ Producer
Post Production Editor ⇒ Sr Post Production Editor
CG/Audio ⇒ Technical Director/CG
Planning Manager ⇒ Director Planning & Assignments
GA Photographer ⇒ Special Projects Photographer

Participating in events sponsored by educational institutions relating to career opportunities in broadcasting:

Sponsor and participate in FOX ThirTEEN Magazine – a weekly newscast aired on WTVT produced by local high school students.

Participate in the annual Great American Teach-In

Listing each upper-level job opening in a job bank or newsletter of minority or female media trade groups

All upper level positions are posted with:

National Association of Hispanic Journalists Asian American Journalists Association AWRT – American Women in Radio & Television

WTTG & WDCA, WASHINGTON, DC

This report covers the time period September 1, 2003 – August 31, 2004 (except where otherwise specifically noted).

Local Newscasts and Key Stories

WTTG airs **36.0** hours of local news each week, at the following times:

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Monday – Friday, 5 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Monday – Friday, 12 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Monday – Friday, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Monday – Friday, 10 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Saturday, 10 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Sunday, 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Sunday, 10 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
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Provided below is a brief summary of important local news issues that WDCA has covered recently within its local news broadcasts:

- * Transportation Metrorail system proposed fair increase for riders.
- * Law Enforcement D.C. Police Chief Charles Ramsey outlines new plans before the City Council on ways in which city police will help increase security at DC Schools.
- * Education Montgomery County After School Cuts: budget problems in the county are forcing the school system to make budget cuts, including some after school programs. After two rounds of spending cuts last fall, the school system was ordered to find \$8.5 million more before the end of the school year.
- * Health Lead water warning issued to D.C. pregnant women and children, who are instructed not to drink the local tap water after higher amounts of lead were found following tests.
- * Community A status report to find out the progress of parks under renovation or construction by the D.C. Parks and Planning Division, following a WTTG investigation which found numerous health/safety violations at area D.C. playgrounds.
- * Law Enforcement Police are under fire. The issue ... do their policies for mass demonstrations violate protestors constitutional and civil rights? The controversy stems from mass arrests during IMF demonstrations among others. It's something the City Council has decided to get to the bottom of.

* *Economy* – 9/9/03 Prince George's County Super Bowl Bid: Prince George's County, home of the Washington Redskins, considers a bid to host the Super Bowl in 2008. The county looks at the economic implications of such a decision.

A comprehensive list of WTTG's local interest news stories is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Breaking News Updates

WTTG broke into and/or preempted regularly-scheduled programming numerous times during the period covered by this report in order to bring its viewers breaking news or disaster information. This coverage included extended reporting on Hurricane Isabel and other severe weather.

Public Affairs Programming

The stations air a variety of programming of interest to the viewers in the Washington, D.C. area. For example, WTTG has broadcast a number of special programs relating to the Washington Redskins, including pre- and post-game reports. WDCA, for instance, airs several religious programs.

Political Coverage

WTTG has devoted extensive time to coverage of political issues important to its viewers during the station's newscasts. During the time period covered by this report, for instance, WTTG has aired special coverage of the fight over congressional representation for D.C. residents. In addition, the station has offered viewers detailed reporting on the Iraq war, the presidential campaign and hearings by the commission investigating the 9-11 attacks.

Public Service Announcements

WTTG and WDCA each make their air-time throughout the broadcast day available to public service announcements for a variety of causes, such as:

- * D.C. Central Kitchen * Redskins Read Program
- * Crime Prevention Council * V-Chip
- * Washington Humane Society * American Cancer Society

For each of two sample weeks (January 12-19 and June 14-21, 2004), WDCA broadcast more than 40 minutes of public service announcements – all without charging any of the organizations or causes for the time. Similarly, for same sample weeks, WTTG broadcast an average of approximately 20 minutes of public service announcements without charge.

Participation in the Community

Both WTTG's and WDCA's on-air newscasters and behind-the-scenes employees have made a commitment to participate in the Washington, D.C. community. The stations' employees take part in a variety of events in and around Washington, D.C., such as:

- * Health & Wellness Fair, Holy Cross Hospital
- * Orphan Foundation of America
- * Voices Against Violence
- * National Geographic Society Maryland Geography Bee
- * Wheaton Chamber of Commerce
- * D.C. Caribbean Festival Parade

WTTG and WDCA constantly gather information about the needs and interests of the members of their community, particularly through viewer tips and emails.

A list of the stations' participation in the community is attached as Exhibit B hereto.

EXHIBIT A – Local News Stories

Provided below is a summary of important local stories presented by WTTG within its local newscasts, September 1, 2003 – August 31, 2004:

BUSINESS/ECONOMY

9/9/03: Prince George's County Super Bowl Bid

Prince George's County, home of the Washington Redskins, considers a bid to host the Super Bowl in 2008. The county looks at the economic implications of such a decision.

12//02/03: Neglected Neighborhoods

Nine neighborhoods in the DC area are now targeted for major revitalization efforts on the part of the District of Columbia.

4/29/04: Shopping vs. Blight

DC Council showdown with area business owners over efforts to "revitalize" the "Skyline" shopping area.

7/6/04: PG National Harbor Project

Major development project earmarked to bring new business opportunities to Prince George's county is approved by the council.

CHARITIES/HOMELESS

12/17/03: Holiday Gift Shop

Story about a charity event to help underprivileged parents "shop" for Holiday toys. Parents who qualify for the program do not have to pay for the toys.

12/19/03: Fox 5 Stuff-a-Truck

Day-long feature remote to highlight the need for food and goods to donate to needy families for the holiday season. Fox 5 Talent and personnel helped collect toys, food, etc., at 3 locations in DC, Maryland and Virginia where viewers could drop off food and items for needy families.

5/21/03: On Call: MS Ride

Raising awareness to fight multiple sclerosis, focusing on one local woman who raised thousands of dollars on her own and is living with the disease. Story previews a MS Bike tour taking place on the weekend.

COMMUNITY

9/3/03: Spring Valley: lewisite

Chemical found on the campus of American University

9/14/03: Gang Violence

The mayor and regional city/county leaders meet to discuss the growing gang problem in the region.

10/1/03: Sniper Vigil

Family members of the alleged Malvo/Muhammad sniper victims hold a community vigil on the anniversary of the sniper shootings.

10/16/03: Olney Hate Crime

The Olney community reacts to the arrest of three teenagers in recent graffiti incidents.

11/11/03: DC School Security

Community meeting with DC Police Chief Charles Ramsey and school officials on the issue of school security in the district. We try to answer what the police department and school officials are doing to stop recent security disruptions in DC schools.

11/25/03: Virginia Gang Meeting

Community meeting with officials on what they are doing to protect the Northern Virginia area against the rising problem of gangs in the region.

12/1/03: Angels Meet DC Police

The infamous Guardian Angels have volunteered to patrol DC communities plagued by gun violence.

2/11/04: Sursum Corda Mtg

The troubled community of Sursum Corda meets to discuss troubles in the drug infested housing project area.

2/17/04: School Security Plan

DC Police and school officials unveil their school security plan in light of recent violent acts at various DC schools. The plan is designed to protect kids from violence.

2/25/04: Mega Church Move

Large churches in the DC area are frequently troubled by parking issues during Sunday services each week. One major church in the district is considering a to the DC suburbs because the parking situation is so difficult for church-goers.

4/13/04: Fairfax Bus Stop Trash

Trash is accumulating bus stops in Bailey's Crossroads--a problem indicative at other metro stations in the system.

4/15/04: DC Parks Update

A status report to find out the progress of parks under renovation or construction by the DC Parks and Planning Division, following on a Fox5 investigation which found numerous health/safety violations at area DC playgrounds.

5/4/04: Lorton Central Park

Discussion by Lorton officials to turn the old prison into a major park area for the community, modeled after the design put forth for Central Park in New York City.

5/18/04: Soldiers Abuse Vigil

Communities in Maryland and Virginia hold vigils for soldiers who are involved in the Iraqi prison abuse scandal in Iraq. The unit hails from West Virginia.

5/21/04: DC Hot Spots

DC police patrol crime-ridden neighborhoods recently designated as a crime "hot-spot."

6/14/04: Ly/Leaky Basements

Prince George's county council holds a public meeting with citizens and other regarding the problem of basements leaking in the county.

6/29/04: Clifton Terrace

Clifton Terrace, formerly a decrepit community has undergone massive changes to the area. Officials hope renovations can help turn the trouble housing area around.

7/16/04: Kids Ballpark Sold

Community ballpark was sold to developers to pay for deficits in the town finances, contrary to whether or not the sale of the park was legal. Those who use the park say they were not given notice and the sale of the park was illegal.

8/3/04: National Night Out

Covered national program organized to introduce local citizen associations to various police departments around the country. The program featured on this day is one of the most successful National Night Out programs in the country.

8/17/04: Iraq Soldier Help

Story of one community that has come together to help a soldier paralyzed in Iraq.

8/18/04: American Idol Auditions

More than 25,000 people have lined up outside the MCI Center to audition for a chance at American Idol Stardom. Unfortunately with all such events, traffic itself becomes a nightmare.

TRANSPORTATION

9/14/03: Prince George's County Bus Driver Problems

County school system is having payroll problems with their new computer system. Drivers are threatening a "sick out" in the county.

10/6/03: Driver hits 5 bicyclists

Five bicyclists were struck after a driver fell asleep at the wheel in Leesburg, Virginia

10/7/03: Gas Leak/Traffic

Severe traffic problems as a result of a gas leak/fire

10/8/03: Metro Bathrooms

After one man's campaign to allow Metro riders use restrooms in Metro stations, the system decides to install a self-cleaning "restroom" similar to those in use in New York City. Metro will use the restroom as a test to determine if they should be utilized on a wider basis.

11/10/03: Arlington Red Light Cameras

It's discovered that Arlington has a problem processing traffic tickets as a result of too many red light camera's in the county.

12/2/03: New Highway Signs

Virginia installs new highway signs in the hopes the better signage will help prevent accidents. The signs are also set up to tell drivers how long it will take to get to their destination.

12/3/03: Greenway Toll Increase

Virginia transportation officials propose raising the toll rate on the Dulles Greenway.

1/13/04: Tanker Explosion

Tractor trailer drives off an overpass onto Interstate 95, then explodes. The NTSB was called to the scene to investigate the accident. At least two people were killed. Traffic was tied up for hours.

1/14/04: Tanker Explosion folo

Follow-up to the cause of yesterday's tanker explosion on I-95. Four people were killed. The road re-opens. NTSB continues their investigation

1/21/04: High Intensity Crackdown

Montgomery County, Maryland cracks down on speeders and red light runners. They also promise to improve crosswalks in the county in an effort to prevent pedestrian accidents.

1/26/04: Virginia and Maryland Road

A look at Virginia and Maryland road conditions which are suffering as a result of winter weather.

2/5/04: Metro Fare Increase

Metro transit system proposes to increase rates for metro riders

2/9/04: Pothole Patrol

Area road crews are busy patching potholes due to winter weather conditions.

2/16/04: Maryland Speeders

Report looks at an increase in speeds by cars traveling in the state of Maryland.

2/25/04: Virginia potholes

Virginia road crews continue filling potholes in the region.

3/6/04: Water Taxi Accident

Popular water taxi in Baltimore's Inner Harbor capsizes. NTSB investigates.

3/7/04: Water Taxi Accident folo

Investigation into the cause of a water taxi in Baltimore continues. 3 passengers on the boat are missing.

3/8/04: Water Taxi Accident folo

Investigation continues in Baltimore's water taxi accident. Searchers continue to look for 3 passengers missing.

3/9/04: Water Taxi Accident folo

One more victim dies in the Baltimore water taxi accident. Victim search continues.

3/10/04: Water Taxi/Sub Search

A special submarine joins the search for victims of the water taxi capsizing.

3/16/04: Virginia Hot Lanes

New proposal by Virginia Department of Transportation to consider extending carpool lanes in the state.

3/18/04: Metro Delays

Fire causes a ripple-effect of passenger delays on Metro's Red line.

3/25/04: Metro Smart Cards

Metro Transit system extends the use of "Smart Cards" for bus passengers.

4/5/04: Taxi Cab Snafu

It's discovered that there are problems with potential cab drivers and their driving tests.

4/7/04: 15-Passenger Vans

NTSB looks at eliminating 15-passenger vans from being allowed to drive on roads, citing safety concerns.

4/15/04: Metro/Dulles expansion

Metro is moving ahead with plans to expand the metro line to Dulles airport.

4/16/04: Beltway Closures

Construction/road repairs result in closures on the Beltway and on Metro.

4/29/04: Owings Mills Sinkhole

Unusual sinkhole in the area of Owings Mills swallows a car outside Baltimore.

5/17/04: VDOT projects

Preview of Virginia Department of Transportation's plan to open a major section of road on the long-running construction project underway at the Springfield Interchange.

5/25/04: GPS Bus Service

A new GPS tracking system for public buses helps transportation officials assess the location of buses in Prince George's County.

5/27/04: Holiday Travel

Drivers in the region face long delays as they get out of town for the Memorial Day weekend.

6/2/04: Parkingticket.com

The group "Parkingticket.com" explains who they can help drivers contest parking tickets under dispute.

6/22/04: Ride-On Fare Increase

Passengers taking Montgomery County's Ride-On bus system will see fares increase on Sunday.

6/23/04: Metro Parking Machines

New automated machines at Metro parking lots are installed for those using the lots to park, eliminating the need for a person to physically take money once drivers pull out of the lot. Metro hopes the automated parking machines will save money for the cash-strapped system.

7/5/04: Metro Train Expansion

Metro considers a proposal to add 8-car trains to the system to relieve congestion.

7/6/04: Dulles Expansion

Dulles Airport is under renovation. Travelers will see significant changes at the airport.

7/12/04: Route 7 Video Detector

A new device installed on the heavily traveled Route 7 corridor in an effort to improve the traffic flow on the road.

7/15/04: Metro Ceiling Collapse

Part of a ceiling collapses at the Farragut North metro station. No one was injured, however, tiles fell just as rush hour was getting underway.

7/26/04: Metro Ceilings

Following on the earlier Metro ceiling collapse, it's discovered that there are other problems with ceilings in other parts of the system.

7/28/04: Metro Flooding

Metro experiences massive delays for travelers in the system when the Control Center floods.

8/4/04: Abandoned Metro Car

A metro train is stuck on the tracks when the operator leaves the train without waiting for the arrival of the new operator during a shift change.

8/10/04: Challenging Roads

A new report ranks the DC area as the second worst road system to navigate in the country.

8/12/04: Commuter Lot Closed

Flooding concerns prompt Metro to close one of its commuter parking lots.

8/25/04: Henrehan/Free Bus for College

Montgomery College students will now be allowed to use county ride-on buses for free.

EDUCATION

9/03/03: Crowded Prince George's County schools

At the start of the school year, PG County grapples with overcrowded classrooms and continuing bus problems

9/4/03: DC School Vouchers

Congress debates a bill on whether or not to allow a pilot program for a school voucher program in the District school system.

9/5/03: Voucher Spillover

The Archdiocese of Washington represents all the Catholic Churches and schools in the DC region. They say they have enough room in their school system to institute a voucher program in the District should parents decide to send their children to the Catholic School system.

10/2/03: Mercury Spill

A student at Ballou High School in DC stole mercury from an unused chemistry lab, spreading it around the school hallways, cafeteria and classrooms. The school had to be evacuated. School officials are trying to find out who the culprit was.

10/06/03: Ballou High School Mercury

Classes continue to be disrupted for students at Ballou High School. Classes are being held off-site as the school building is de-contaminated. Faculty and students do not know how long the de-contamination process will take.

10/20/03: Martin/Suitland High School Robbery

A student's jacket was stolen from Suitland High School in Suitland, Maryland, prompting parents to question school safety and security in the school system. The jacket was stolen after a conflict occurred between two students. Martin looks at the bigger issue of security in the school system.

11/10/03: Ballou High School Fight Reactions

DC school officials, parents and students react to a massive fight that broke out at Ballou High School, site of a mercury spill last month which disrupted school for a period of time. Many are questioning the quality of school security based on incidents such as this one.

11/12/03: Ballou Security

Another fight breaks out at Ballou High School, once again disrupting classes.

11/14/03: Vance Resigns

Paul Vance, Superintendent for the DC school public school system makes a surprise announcement announcing his resignation as Superintendent. The school board accepted his resignation effective immediately and appointed an interim replacement.

11/17/03: School Pipe Bomb

Students at a Montgomery County elementary school were kept inside while authorities dealt with a suspicious package nearby.

It was discovered that a pipe bomb was found near Rock View Elementary School. Police canvassed the Kensington neighborhood looking for clues.

11/18/03: Principal Arrested

The principal of a DC Public Charter school was arrested on charges he sexually assaulted a foster child.

11/19/03: Barnard/Scarlet Fever

Two students at C.W. Harrist Elementary School in Southeast Washington are diagnosed with having Scarlet Fever. No other child is showing symptoms. The school sent letters home to parents explaining the contagious disease.

12/2/03: Montgomery County Reading Scores

Reading scores are up among poor students in Montgomery County.

01/05/04: Prince George's Perfect Score

A 14 year old girl in PG County is recognized for receiving a perfect score on three standardized tests--on the first try.

The student attends Benjamin Tasker Middle School in Bowie.

2/2/04: Wagner/Ballou Shooting

An intense search is underway for three suspects after a shooting inside Ballou High School. Bullets hit two teenagers at the school. A 17-year-old was medevaced to a local hospital and dies. Parents once again question security at the troubled school.

2/5/04: Ballou Security Folo

Officials look at ways to secure schools following a deadly shooting at Ballou High School.

2/9/04: Henrehan/School Rally Controversy

Prince George's county dismisses school two hours early to allow teachers, administrators and students to attend a school rally in Annapolis. The group is asking for additional funding for education from state legislators. Some parents however question why students were allowed to go home early when they should have been in school receiving an education.

2/10/04: Chavez/Wilson High School Gun Found

A semi-automatic hand-gun is recovered near Wilson High School in Northeast Washington after two students allegedly tried to smuggle the gun into the school building.

2/13/04: Henrehan/School Security

DC Police Chief Charles Ramsey outlines new plans before the City Council on ways in which DC Police will help increase security at DC Schools.

2/16/04: Henrehan/Schools in Session

Alexandria School officials hold schools for a half-day, then dismiss students to attend the local Washington Birthday parade. School children have missed too many days of classes due to weather closures. The school system argues that the Parade is instructional as well. Not all parents agree.

3/16/04: Ballou Principal

The Principal at Ballou High School is placed on administrative leave. Students stage a school walkout in protest over the removal of the popular Principal.

3/23/04: Prince George's School Tardiness

Students who arrive late to school in Prince George's county are asked to write a 15-page essay on why they were late to class.

3/25/04: Lafayette School Fire

Students at Lafayette Elementary are out of school for a week and a half due to a fire at the school.

4/1/04: DC Superintendent Search

DC School Board meets to discuss the search for a new schools superintendent.

4/2/04: Montgomery County After School Cuts

Budget problems in the county are the school system to make budget cuts, including some after school programs. After two rounds of spending cuts last fall, the school system was ordered to find \$8.5 Million more before the end of the school year.

4/26/04: Two or Four Year College

More students are starting out their college years by attending a 2 year college prior to transferring to another college with improved grades.

4/27/04: Alexandria School Superintendent DUI

The Superintendent for the Alexandria School system was pulled over and arrested on dui. She apologizes to the community following the arrest.

4/29/04: DC Voucher Enrollment

DC parents can start applying for school vouchers.

5/7/04: Sold Out Prom

Students at a Virginia high school are being told they can't attend their school prom because tickets are sold out.

5/12/04: DC School Cuts

Announcement by school officials that 500 jobs will be eliminated at the end of the year.

5/17/04: AA School Discrimination

Allegations of racial discrimination in the Anne Arundel County Schools.

6/14/04: DC Voucher Program

400 additional slots for the Districts voucher program will be rolled over into next year.

6/21/04: Prince William School Guns

A student is arrested in a plot to bring a gun into a Prince William Middle School

7/21/04: Henrehan/TJ Admissions

One of the best high schools in the country, Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology in Fairfax County is considering a controversial change in its admissions policy. Some students could be shut out.

8/12/04: Henrehan/College Costs

Looking for tuition bargains in the face of skyrocketing tuition increases at area colleges.

HEALTH/SAFETY

9/3/03: On Call: Russian Isotope

Using radioactive material to kill cancer

9/4/03: On Call: Popular Meds

Over the counter medications can damage your intestines and colon

9/5/03: On Call: Stopping Periods

New birth control pills mean fewer periods. Are they safe?

9/8/03: On Call: Pain Study

New tool to help doctors treat pain

9/9/03: On Call: Moderate Exercise

Applying moderate exercise on a regular basis will make your workout "smarter," not harder.

9/14/03: Singapore SARS

New case of Singapore SARS is discovered in a Singapore health care worker...the first case since July.

9/28/03: Bed Bugs

Bed bugs are making a comeback

10/1/03: On Call: Vision Correction

A new procedure to improve sight without have to go through the procedure of cutting your eye.

11/4/03: Stem Cells

More women are saving their umbilical cord blood in an attempt to fight future diseases.

11/5/03: Import Wars

Detailed look at people who choose to buy prescription drugs from Canada in an effort to save money.

11/6/03: Prescription Prices

Consumers can cut the cost of buying prescription drugs by shopping around.

11/7/03: McGrath/Import Wars folo

The decision by an Oklahoma Judge is a victory for the Food and Drug Administration and pharmacies. The judge concluded that an American business importing drugs from Canada poses a potential threat to one's health.

11/10/03: Seymour/Tumor Removal

Unique opportunity to observe a local surgeon remove fibroid tumors from a woman's uterus live, using a device called "Laparoscope," reducing the amount of time necessary for recuperation.

11/12/03: Hepatitis C

Local doctors are working on a cure.

11/14/03: Bad Fruit

A list of fruits generally containing the most and least pesticides.

11/17/03: On Call: Dinner No's

What not to eat on the menu if you're watching your weight and dining out at a restaurant.

11/18/03: Cancer Causes

The top five identified causes attributed to getting cancer.

11/19/03: On Call: Cirrhosis & Obesity

A study showing that obesity and diabetes are linked to cirrhosis

12/1/03: On Call: Flu

Ways to combat the flu during the winter flu season.

12/8/03: On Call: Flu Shots

What do you need to do to get a flu shot and where are shots available in the region.

12/14/03: Shark Cartilage and Lung Cancer

Shark cartilage is being used to help fight lung cancer.

12/16/03: Teen Weight Loss

Diet and exercise aren't helping overwhelming numbers of teens suffering from childhood obesity. But the diet pill Xenical, approved by the FDA in 1999 as a weight loss treatment for adults is now available for the first time for kids and teens between the ages of 12-16.

01/05/04: On Call: Personalized Workout

How to personalize your workout.

01/06/04: On Call: Cancer Test

Are tests for cancers and other diseases effective?

01/07/04: On Call: Flu update

The flu is still impacting many in the region and has yet to reach its peak.

1/14/04: On Call: Teen Resolutions

Tips to help teenagers keep their New Year's resolutions.

1/19/04: Cervical Cancer

Each year, cervical cancer affects approximately a half million women worldwide. If detected early, it can be cured. New FDA guidelines are released to help doctors identify women at greater risk for developing the disease.

1/26/04: Adult ADHD

ADHD effects on parents of children who have the disease.

2/9/04: On Call: Cancer Optimism A positive outlook may backfire

2/10/04: Tooth Tales

What your teeth can tell you about your overall health

2/11/04: On Call: Foods for Heart: Food to keep you heart healthy

2/25/04: Lead Water Warning

Warning issued to DC pregnant women and children they should not drink the local tap water after higher amounts of lead were found following tests.

3/1/04: On Call: 4-d Ultrasound

New technology lets parents see the new baby in the womb.

3/2/04: Leamy/Code Blue

Medical mistakes are the 8th leading cause of death in the U.S.. The study that first revealed this astonishing statistic served as a sort of "code blue" for the healthcare industry--an alarm signaling something was terribly wrong. A special report on patient safety.

3/9/04: Obesity Problem

Studies show more and more people are overweight.

3/9/04: Arlington/DC Water

The latest test results on lead in the water.

3/15/04: On Call: Psoriasis

It's estimated that up to 7 million Americans suffer from psoriasis. The condition causes skin to become inflamed, producing red, thickened areas with silvery scales. Now one Chicago area clinic is using an unusual remedy to help east the irritation of psoriasis.

3/16/04: On Call: Poison Prevention

A new push to keep kids away from household dangers

3/17/04: On Call: Depression & Exercise

Studies show exercise may help people suffering from depression.

3/18/04: On Call: Black Men Prostate

A new survey shows black men are at a higher risk of getting prostate cancer over others.

3/23/04: On Call: OTS Birth Control

A pilot program in Seattle is underway allowing pharmacists to prescribe birth control rather than doctors.

3/25/04: Nasal Spray Recall

The DC Department of Health announced the voluntary recall of nearly 40,000 bottles of nasal spray manufactured by Pro-Pharma. Scientists say the spray is contaminated with a bacteria that could cause infections in people that have underlying lung disease.

4/1/04: On Call: Good Night's Sleep Tips on how to get a good night's sleep

4/5/04: On Call: Pill to Forget

If you could erase your painful memories, would you? It's estimated more than 5 million American adults suffer from some form of post-traumatic stress disorders. A "memory pill" could help erase some of the pain resulting from traumatic memories.

4/8/04: On Call: Forgiveness

How "forgiving" people can improve your health

4/13/04: On Call: Estrogen/Stroke

Warnings of possible stroke risk for women using estrogen therapy.

4/14/04: On Call: Diet Success

The most successful methods to help you loose weight.

4/23/04: Bad Bridges

Deteriorating bridges needing repair in the district could be a public safety concern for drivers. What are transportation departments doing to repair aging bridges?

4/27/04: On Call: Pregnancy Weight Gain

Methods on the best way to lose baby weight after a pregnancy.

5/4/04: On Call: Fake Food

Some doctors say "high fructose" corn syrup is contributing to the problem of obesity.

5/7/04: On Call: Ovarian Cancer

Early detection of ovarian cancer is extremely important. Only 30% of women with the disease live longer than 5 years. But if the disease is caught early enough, the survival rate jumps to 95%. A new study at the Washington Hospital Center aims to close that gap with better detection.

5/7/04: DC Lead Tour

Local officials and a Senator tour a district residents home in Adams Morgan to talk about their concerns on finding high amounts of lead in the District's tap water.

6/1/04: On Call: Breast Implant Settlement

The first settlement checks are going out to women who say their silicon breast implants made them sick. But many say that the money doesn't begin to cover the lingering effects caused by the implants.

6/15/04: On Call: Underage Drinking

A study shows that underaged drinking can affect you later in life.

6/21/04: On Call: Surprising Male Health Problems

It's been said men take better care of their cars than their bodies. But it's more important than ever for men to get regular checkups. Men are being diagnosed with more cases of osteoporosis and breast cancer.

6/24/04: On Call: Needless Pap Smears

Women who have had hysterectomies are still getting needless pap smears.

6/29/04: Fertility Chiropractor

Women say a trip to a chiropractor helped them become pregnant.

7/5/04: Mosquitoes/West Nile

Mosquitoes could be back with a vengeance this summer... Health concerns over the resurgence of the West Nile virus.

8/28/04: Tainted Flu Vaccine

Millions of doses of the flu vaccine, earmarked to be sent to health clinics in the U.S. are put on hold due to contamination.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

9/3/03: Some are calling it vigilante justice. Tonight ...The man who shot at two suspected car thieves tells his story only to Fox 5... But afraid for his safety.. he still wants to remain anonymous.

9/4/03: Crime Update:

Self defense ... Or vigilante justice? A tough call for the Prince George's County States Attorney. Should he file charges against the Laurel man who shot at two men allegedly trying to steal his car.. killing one.. and wounding another?

9/5/03: Gunfire broke out late last night in the 91 hundred block of Rolling View Drive. A 19 year old shot to death... Three others wounded. Markings on the sidewalk show where shell casings were found by crime scene investigators. There's a bullet hole in a Toyota .. and an upstairs window shattered.

9/8/03: NW arson: looks like serial arsonist strikes again. We explore what the common factors are and once again put out the police sketch of a suspect spotted at some scenes.

9/10/03: Dix St arson: another arson ... likely connected to others. We explore what the common factors are and once again put out the police sketch of a suspect spotted at some scenes.

9/14/03: fire starter foiled: homeowner startles possible arson, could it be the serial arsonist? Nobody hurt. Investigators hope this interrupted case will help yield clues to the string of arsons.

9/28/03 Fairfax County Police.. are chasing down an armed abductor. A man.. who walked in a Denny's Restaurant.. pulled out a gun, forced a customer into his own car, and kidnapped him! It all happened along Richmond Highway... Near Fort Belvoir.

10/1/03: Muhammad hearing: Lee Malvo testifies at hearing for sniper suspect John Muhammad. Controversy over whether it's appropriate for Malvo to testify when he, too, will be on trial.

10/2/03: sniper invest. follow: why did investigators ignore caprice lookout? Sniper task force emphasized white box trucks. DC police did have tips about a Caprice. Was information overlooked because of emphasis on trucks?

10/6/03: The FBI is asking for your help to nab a robber...after yet another heist... at a grocery store bank. There have been 9 such robberies and 2 attempts... In the DC area since March. The most recent....'in' Alexandria... just this past Saturday night.

10/7/03: senator's wife abducted: wife of NH senator abducted when she surprises burglars. They make her go to ATM and withdraw money. McLean, VA. She is unharmed.

10/8/03: Otis St. fire: suspected arson at another house: linked to serial arsonist. Are chemical "accelerants" used here the same as in other cases? Interview neighbors about what they saw.

10/16/03: Muhammad jury selection: jury selection continues, lottery system for people who want public seats. There are only a couple dozen seats for non-family members. Unconnected members of the public say they want to attend because they were terrorized.

10/20/03: Muhammad/opening- opening statements, Muhammad defends himself in court. Muhammad scores points by appearing to be a reasonable, thinking human being. He makes mistakes in court procedure.

10/22/03: MUHAMMAD: sniper suspect lets lawyers take over. Muhammad gives in and lets his experienced legal team take over because they convince him he is harming his case. Speculation as to whether he already damaged too much.

- 10/23/03: DMV arrest: DC DMV worker charged with selling drivers licenses. Clerk is accused of running a racquet to benefit from government job. Questions as to how long this went on.
- 10/30/03: Anacostia high school shooting: teens shot outside Anacostia high school. Another in a string of violence inside or near area high schools. Impact on students who just want to learn.
- 11/03/03: John Allen Muhammad's capital murder trials continues.. Today the jury heard from the wife of Conrad Johnson, a Montgomery County bus driver who was shot during the sniper shootings.
- 11/04/03: Fatal beating follow: court date for 3 teens accused of killing a TC Williams Jr. in old town Alexandria. Questions as to whether the confrontation was premeditated or spontaneous and what the motive was.
- 11/05/03: Muhammad hearing: testimony about DNA at the Muhammad trial. Muhammad's side claims he never actually pulled the trigger. Prosecution paints him as the mastermind.
- 11/06/03: DC missing infant: report of kidnapped child appears to be a hoax. Speculation as to whether the mother was seeking sympathy. Police explain how the case unraveled.
- 11/07/03: Muhammad trial: jurors take field trip to see blue Chevy Caprice. See hole designed for gun. Space where shooter would rest and how shooter could climb back into car through movable back seat.
- 11/10/03: Muhammad and Malvo trials: Muhammad testimony and Malvo jury selection. Unusual circumstances of having 2 related trials at the same time and how evidence will be ferried from one courtroom to the other.
- 11/12/03: Muhammad trial: defense rests after emphasizing again and again their case that Muhammad was not the triggerman.
- 11/14/03: Muhammad verdict: jurors deliberate and go home for the weekend. Speculation as to how much longer they will deliberate and whether it is appropriate for them to go home where they could be exposed to news of case.
- 11/17/03: Muhammad verdict: GUILTY. Muhammad is found guilty on all counts. Now sentencing phase must begin.
- 11/18/03: Malvo: interrogation: Malvo's confession is played in court. Defense questions whether interrogation was appropriate to begin with and whether Malvo knew it could be used against him.

- 11/19/03: Jackson raid update: arrest warrant issued for Michael Jackson. Santa Barbara CA authorities say they have enough evidence to actually arrest the singer. They say they are proceeding carefully because the last case failed.
- 11/24/03: Muhammad: death penalty: jury recommends death sentence for Muhammad saying that it is difficult to make this decision but that if this penalty exists, certainly this crime is one that warrants it.
- 12/1/03: Anacostia kid murdered: another Anacostia high school student is murdered, contributing to the perception that DC public schools and public school students are not safe.
- 12/2/03: Malvo: Muhammad ex-wife: Mildred Muhammad testifies at Malvo's trial. Says she was afraid for her life and that she believes Muhammad planned the killings as an elaborate ploy to scare her/possibly kill her.
- 12/3/03: The trial took two months. But tonight: A "guilty" verdict for four men charged with killing a woman in northwest. 39 year old Eva Hernandez was shot and killed three years ago outside her home in northwest. She was simply walking home from a neighborhood laundromat.
- 12/8: Luna murder follow: investigators looking more into personal life of the slain prosecutor. Questions as to whether his personal life could have provided a murder motive rather than his work as a prosecutor.
- 12/9/03: The pressure is "on".... in Virginia to find an experienced criminal who's struck again. Police say the suspect is a woman who is armed and dangerous ... holding-up people at gun-point. there have been 4 armed robberies.. in the past 4 days.
- 12/15/03: Malvo: defense rests: the defense rests in Malvo trial, main argument being that Malvo was young and impressionable and was operating under the mesmerizing direction of Muhammad, an older influence.
- 12/16/03: Malvo: closing: closing statements. Prosecution emphasizes Malvo as a calculating killer who bragged about his skill. Defense paints him as a confused young man who wasn't parented well and fell in with the wrong mentor.
- 12/17/03: Malvo: deliberations: day one of jury deliberations. Legal experts speculate on how long the jury will deliberate and what it means if they take a long time versus a short time.
- 01/05/04: A Rockville man convicted in a deadly hit and run will spend the next 8 years behind bars. It's because of a new law in Montgomery County.

01/0604: Prostitution ... Gangs and gunfire! That's apparently the backdrop for last nights deadly quadruple shooting in Montgomery County. Tonight, police are still searching for suspects.

01/06/04: The fascination terrorists, Al Qaeda in particular, seem to have with airlines has officially opened another conversation about security. The Homeland Security Department today went on the record with concerns about shoulder fired missiles. Planes taking off and landing from here and any other airport on American soil ... Are easy terrorist targets.

01/07/04: A story of fighting back. A man robbed three Domino's Pizza employees.. They followed the robber, knocked him down with their car, took his knife and held him down until police arrested him.

1/12/04: Passenger profiling: new TSA plan to screen and "color code" airline passengers. Concern over whether ordinary Americans will face too much scrutiny. Whether innocents are being inconvenienced.

1/12/04: A homeless man found murdered underground in Dupont Circle. And tonight detectives suspect he may have been killed by another homeless person.

1/19/04: One big concern for the Mayor: violent crime on the streets of DC. Today it took a turn for the worse. Three people were shot in broad daylight; two of them teenagers. The third, a man, was killed.

1/21/04: Detectives are looking for a 3rd suspect whom they believe "targeted" a Metro transit police officer in a sneak attack. Fox five was on the scene shortly after the shooting this afternoon. Investigators say three men opened fire on the officer as he sat in his car. He was not injured.

1/22/04: 55th Ave arson: it appears the serial arsonist has struck again. No deaths, but fire investigators ask the public for help catching the criminal.

1/26/04: Double shoot follow: court hearing of DC man accused of killing 14 year old witness. Witness had come forward in another murder case. Now is victimized herself.

1/27/04: Tavern murders arrest: 2 suspects arrested in triple murder. Neighbors relieved, but upset that it took so long.

2/2/04: Shooting at Ballou high school: deadly shooting, one student killed. Ballou parents outraged that school is not safer. Call on the mayor to fix the problem.

2/2/04: Flights cancelled: terrorism concerns cancel flights. Dept of Homeland Security says it prefers to be vigilant and over cautious and the public needs to be patient.

- 2/4/04: Ballou shoot arraignment: 18 year old suspect ordered held without bond. Prosecutors say he is a flight risk and should not be given that chance.
- 2/5/04: Fairfax gang arrest: man arrested, charged with trying to recruit gang members
- 2/6/04: Florida, abducted girl: body of 11 year old girl found in Florida: victim is girl seen in gas station surveillance video, now famous around the US.
- 2/10/04: A Waldorf woman was stabbed to death. Her children witnessed the crime. Her sister in law has been arrested.
- 2/11/04: A suspected serial predator is off the streets tonight. Police believe he targeted women in two different communities. Possibly responsible for 3-attacks in southeast dc... And one in Prince George's County.
- 2/13/04: A frightening scene inside the fast food restaurant.. witnesses say customers scrambled for cover as a man started shooting. At least 20 people were inside.
- 2/16/04: Serial arson investigation: looking for link between weekend arson & serial arsonist. Investigators try to establish whether there is a second arsonist or whether this, too, is linked to the serial fires plaguing the area.
- 2/27/04: Ballou unsolved murders: police looking at former attendance counselor in connection with murders of 2 students. Speculation as to whether that individual had a motive.
- 3/1/04: Fairfax man dragged: man hit and dragged for miles. Driver says he was not aware he had struck anybody. Comes forward after hearing of death.
- 3/2/04: Anacostia high school trial: trial starts for juvenile accused of killing Devin Fowlkes outside Anacostia high school. Opening statements.
- 3/3/04: Armored car shooting: attempted robbery of armored car driver at DC banksuspect is shot by alert driver trained to watch for threats like this. No money taken.
- 3/9/04: Muhammad sentence: John Muhammad sentenced to death penalty for sniper shootings. Judge upholds the death sentence imposed by the jury, so Muhammad team must now go to appeals phase.
- 3/10/04: Malvo sentencing: life in prison for Malvo. Jurors spare him death because of his young age. Families are relieved it's over but some wish it was a death sentence.
- 3/15/04: Alexandria gun trafficking: VA cracking down on illegal gun dealers. Authorities say they have a zero tolerance policy and want to take pro-active measures to stop trade.

3/16/04: A multi-state sting law enforcement is calling the biggest p-c-p bust in the history of the DC area, maybe the country. Tonight, 26 people are charged with shipping the drug from the west coast to our community and selling it on the streets of Northeast.

3/23/04: Ashburn teen killed: 15 year old shot in Ashburn home, another teen is under arrest. Authorities decry rise in teen violence.

3/25/04: Crime wave in Montgomery County. 16 year old is accused of abducting a man at gunpoint, invading a home on Alphenhorn way and assaulting a 4th grader.

4/1/04: Arson suspect: possible serial arsonist suspect in court on charges of lying. Authorities explore whether he could be the man they are looking for. His attorney denies it.

4/2/04: Serial arson suspect: still looking at Noel Gibson in connection with serial arson case. Face looks similar to that in sketch put out months ago by investigators, but not all details match.

4/5/04: Arson suspect hearing: hearing for man accused of impersonating fire marshal, invest. still looking at him in connection with serial arsonist. Arsonists known to be fascinated with fire and make excuses to be near it, like impersonation.

4/6/04: DC robbery spree: 2 or 3 robbers go on spree in northwest. Neighbors upset because they feel their part of city is usually safer than most.

4/7/04: DC robbery spree: citizens meeting and we talk to victim. Citizens demand action to stop property crimes.

4/8/04: Prince George's County coach sex assault: high school teacher/coach accused of felony sex assault.

4/14/04: Amtrak security: how vulnerable is Amtrak to a terrorist attack? Questions raised about whether passenger luggage should be screened.

4/15/04: I-95 rock throwing: someone throwing objects at cars on 95 and 495. Authorities speculate as to motive and whether suspects could be teens who don't realize how serious it can be.

4/16/04: Howard school sex attack: 15 year old girl raped in the bathroom, accuses several suspects. Parents say it's outrageous that could happen in school.

4/23/04: Longfellow shooting: 2 people shot, one was woman protecting 3 year old boy. Unclear who the target was.

4/27/04: junior high school student is under arrest tonight charged in the murder of yet another Ballou High School teen. 15 year-old 'Timothy Hamilton' was found shot to death in the backseat of a stolen car over the weekend. Tonight, a 16 year-old Is behind bars.

4/29/04: Montgomery County taser/death: man dies after Montgomery County police use taser: they say he'd roughed-up his mom and was threatening them. Questions about whether they were overly aggressive and if he had medical conditions that contributed to death.

5/3/04: Robinson Pl homicide: another teen dies in turf battle. Teen deaths theme in DC explored. What can be done?

5/4/04: NE double shooting: 8 year-old killed by stray bullet while playing quietly at home. Neighbors outraged. Speculation that this could be the catalyst for change.

5/4/04: Rail security: new tests for explosives at New Carrollton station. Security measure announced to assure public Metro is on top of the issue.

5/5/04: NE girl killed: reward doubled to \$50k to find 8 year old's killer. Police chief expresses his grief over this case and need to give frightened witnesses a motive to come forward.

5/6/04: NE girl killed: police still looking for 8 year old's killer. Appeal to residents not to stay silent because of intimidation. Say community help is the only way.

5/7/04: Four students shot down in a high school parking lot; one critically injured. And tonight the search is on for suspects. Dozens of shaken students watched as their classmates were put on stretchers.. and rushed to the hospital.

5/12/04: While on the job, a Montgomery County officer was shot by a DUI suspect. A bullet proof vest saved his life.

5/17/04: High schools in Prince George's County targeted by arsonists. Three fires in three days - the latest one just last night at Potomac High School in Oxon Hill. That. follows two fires on Friday at Flowers High School in Springdale.

5/21/04: Fauquier cold case: development in the murder of a woman killed in Fauquier County in 1988. First real lead in many years. Police hope it will be the key to cracking the case.

5/21/04: Trains search/security: 3 Amtrak trains searched, new security measures. Scare over possible problems because of attacks in Europe. Amtrak steps up its procedures.

- 5/27/04: Three months ago, someone hit Emeka Nwosu on the Fairfax County Parkway in Burke. Tonight, the victim's wife is making a passionate appeal for the driver to step forward.
- 6/1/04: Gun store robbery: man smashes truck into gun store and steals guns. Thousands of dollars worth of merchandise. Fears as to what the guns will be used for.
- 6/2/04: Investigators say a 16-year old boy tried to rob an off duty officer outside an apartment building in Oxon Hill. They exchanged gunfire; each killing the other.
- 6/14/04: A quiet neighborhood, and a mysterious murder. A worker found the body of a woman stuffed in a suitcase tossed into a dumpster at an apartment complex.
- 6/15/04: Mt. Rainier arson: another arson suspected to be the work of the serial arsonist. Plea for public assistance.
- 6/22/04: Muhammad arraignment: arraignment for serial sniper suspect. Muhammad must face trial in each jurisdiction where he is accused of crimes.
- 6/23/04: 6 people tonight have been indicted in a 'cruel con' that targets the elderly. The US attorney's office announced the charges today. Investigators say the 6 people stole more than 100-thousand dollars from elderly people by posing as workers like repairmen, landscapers, or exterminators.
- 6/24/04: There's a string of serial arsons in the DC metro area. Now a plea is coming from the pulpit for whoever is behind these fires to turn themselves in.
- 6/29/04: Connecticut Ave. bank robbery: brazen bandits pull off daring daytime robbery. Camera catches them with submachine guns, masks, and orchestrated plan.
- 7/1/04: Bank robbery arrests: 4 men arrested .. suspects in serial bank robberies. Police say they're relieved the arrests happened without a shoot out. Carefully calculated how to move in.
- 7/2/04: Koucky captured: accused child predator on the run caught in Guatemala, returned to VA to face court proceedings.
- 7/5/04: Bike path sex assault: police out looking for suspects. Other bicyclists say they will ride in groups to stay safe.
- 7/6/04: G St. accident folo: teen charged as an adult for deadly joyride. Another in the case of the "Kiddy Car Thieves" who steal cars for sport.
- 7/9/04: Prince George's County.. is where a frightening ride "began" for two delivery men today! Armed robbers carjacked their liquor truck this morning in Hillcrest Heights, kidnapping the delivery men and forcing them in the back of the truck. But one

managed to call 9-1-1 as they crossed into DC. Police caught up with the truck in Northeast, rescuing the victims.

7/12/04: George Starke, a Redskins legend, denies he every used drugs but court documents indicate a past that included drug treatment. He is sentenced on drug possession charges.

7/14/04: Charles County crash: innocent driver killed by burglary suspects fleeing police. Accusations that police should have stopped pursuit to prevent harm to bystanders.

7/15/04: Missouri Ave. crash: 3rd time in 3 days a suspect flees police and causes accident. Are police pursuing too aggressively?

7/19/04: Chase crash barricade: stolen car crashes into woman's home.. she locks the kiddy

car thieves in the basement until authorities can get there. Citizen vigilante!

7/21/04: DC carjacking chase: chase thru 3 jurisdictions after carjacking.. multiple teens arrested. Questions about legality of crossing county lines when in pursuit.

7/23/04: Serial bank robbers: change of venue to federal court because banks are federal institutions, even though the crimes occurred in local jurisdictions.

7/26/04: Teen shot NE follow: leads in the murder of a 15 year-old girl. Police say they have solid information that will lead to arrests.

8/2/04: Montgomery County prowler: man breaks into mogo homes, watches women sleep. At least one woman wakes up and sees him there. When she comes forward, others say it may have happened to them too.

8/4/04: Bank robbery folo: more suspects arrested, indicted. The ring of organized thieves grows as authorities interview witnesses and some suspects begin to talk.

8/9: Armored car robbery: bank surveillance camera catches most of deadly ambush on tape. Dramatic video that may help solve the crime.

8/13/04: Authorities continue to track the armored car ambush. today new clues are released and they one again ask for the public's help.

8/17/04: Omar Holmes extradited: serial bank robbery suspect returns to dc under heavy guard. Called key lynchpin in organized theft operation.

8/18/04: Rte 340 body: body found after days on the side of the road.. looking for hit & run driver. Identity not released yet.

8/25/04: Chevy Chase Dr: 2 more people arrested today in murder of missing therapist, also her body was found. Neighbor who claimed to be shocked is suspected.

8/26/04: Pipe bombs: A student brings pipe bombs to Frederick County school. Tells others his plans and plan is foiled.

8/27/04: Pipe bomb follow: student who had pipe bombs at school planned to kill himself.

8/28/04: Vet hospital threat: warning that terrorists may try to target VA hospitals.. possible surveillance in Bethesda. Theory that terrorists think of veterans as "soldiers" even though they are no longer active in the war.

8/30/04: Suspicious Fairfax fire: looks like the serial arsonist struck again. Similar procedures. Happened at night. No deaths. Minor injuries.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

9/5/03: The DC Health Department is temporarily in charge of the city-owned shelter on New York Avenue. The Washington Humane Society has operated the shelter for about 20 years.... but packed up yesterday, and moved out at midnight--the deadline it had set to reach a long term contract with the City.

9/9/03: The District is not a big power in national politics. Still, it was noteworthy that Howard Dean was able to win such an early endorsement from six members of the city council. He won the support of Jim Graham, Kathy Patterson, Adrian Fenty, Vincent Orange and Sharon Ambrose. He was helped by a strong endorsement of D.C. Voting rights.

9/14/03: Departmental cutbacks, plus tax revenue generated from mortgage-refinancing has pushed Fairfax County's government into the black. What to do with the money? That was the question before County Supervisors.

9/16/03: Local Officials are getting ready as Hurricane Isabel heads our way. They must decide when to open shelters, when to man EOC and how to keep their residents safe.

9/28/03: Committee Meeting: Bad weather usually brings flooding to Alexandria. Tropical system Isabel delivered its own damaging blow. Rresidents, local officials and business owners gathered today to discuss getting everyone hurricane help.

11/03/03: When DC General closed, it left a void in DC's ability to care for indigent patients. Today, a new DC hospital plan is in the works. The city council & Howard Univ. are looking at forming new public hospital.

11/04/03: It's time to get out and vote. And this go around there's a heated election for Fairfax County supervisor. Also, Fairfax County bought a thousand of the new touch-screen voting machines, and 953 of them went into service today.

11/07/03: A shooting at Ballou High and a "deadly" one outside Anacostia High school have students watching their backs and entire communities shaken. DC City leaders are blaming gangs and they called a special meeting to look for ways to fight this violence.

12/3/03: To smoke or not to smoke in DC bars and restaurants. What will it do to business. The City council heard testimony today on the proposed smoking ban.

12/9/03: Unhappy holidays for hundreds of teachers and other workers in the DC Public School System. 771 jobs are set to get slashed by the school district to erase a 21 million dollar budget shortfall.

12/17/03: DC police are under fire tonight. The issue here: do their policies for mass demonstrations violate protestors constitutional and civil rights? The controversy stems from mass arrests during IMF demonstrations among others. It's something the city council has decided to get to the bottom of.

01/05/04: Heightened concerns about terrorism have led to tighter ... restrictions in Virginia. A new law makes it harder to get a driver's license or photo id. It requires proof that you're in the country legally. Today was the first full day of the new law.

01/06/04: The city council today passed a new law banning "hand held" cell phone calls in the District. If you're caught chatting it up you'll soon have to cough up a 100-dollar fine!

01/07/04: Right now the committee on public works and the environment is looking at problems surrounding towing in DC. A bill would give the mayor power to set up rules for towing services. In essence a central data base for vehicles that have been towed regardless of who did the towing. So it maybe easier to find your vehicle. The committee is also looking at a resolution to require licenses for towing businesses and lots.

1/13/04: DC Primary: DC holds non-binding Presidential primary. The votes are being tabulated in the first Presidential primary in the country. It happened right here in D.C. But not too many people seemed to care. Whatever the result, DC leaders say this primary is making a statement.

1/14/04: It's opening day for the General Assembly in Richmond.. and the fight here will be over taxes, but the battle lines are blurry. Virginia Governor Mark Warner says... he's tired of having to cut the budget. The governor is asking the General Assembly to rewrite the state tax code.

1/21/04: Malpractice is a hot and costly topic. And, like many occupations, a few problem people make it worse for others. Today doctors are marching on Annapolis.. telling lawmakers they need help with malpractice suits.

1/22/04: A FBI probe into the Prince George's County Police Department is forcing changes in the "use of force" policies. The reforms come after a three year investigation by the Department of Justice. A number of police-involved shootings and dog attacks prompted the review. Under the agreement, the department will add "guard and bark" training for its k-nine unit, set up a special board to review all firearm discharges, and address all misconduct allegations.

2/9/04: VA Primary preview: Virginia polls open from 6am to 7pm tomorrow and in these final hours before the primary some of the candidates spend time crisscrossing the state. Tonight we're going to zero in on Senator John Edwards who stopped by George Mason University this evening for a rally. And Democratic front runner John Kerry is working to continue his winning ways for the swing through Virginia as well.

2/25/04: Maryland law does define marriage as between a man and woman. One bill considered today would enshrine those words in the state constitution. A second bill before lawmakers bring up the issue of amending the state constitution to ban gay marriages.

2/27/04: A dangerous contaminant is putting tens of thousands of you at risk which is why one DC leader is calling for an all-out investigation tonight. DC Councilwoman Carol Schwartz wants to know what's causing the high lead-levels in DC water and why it took so long to notify the public.

3/2/04: voting machine problems: look at new voting machines in MD and some problems. Poll workers may not know how to work the machines. Questions about whether machines are corruptible and can hold up to the mass numbers of voters.

3/3/04: Williams lead update: mayor updates the DC lead in the water crisis. Says his office is in favor of multiple investigations into how WASA handled the situation, whether residents were given enough notice.

3/25/04: Gay rights supporters hold a march in support of same sex couples. Say they deserve equal rights under the law. Talk about politicians "playing politics" with the issue.

4/5/04: Homeland sec. search: update on hunt for regional homeland sec. director. Critics say it's been far too long that this key position has been empty.

4/6/04: Statute of limitations: DC council member wants to change law to eliminate statute of limitations for felony sex assault cases. Make it so cases can be prosecuted at any time and suspects can be tracked as long as needed.

4/14/04: PG hospital protest: hospital workers angry with city council for not approving bailout plan. Say hospital is a key fixture in community and cannot be allowed to close.

4/16/04: MPD chopper repair: department's helicopter sitting idle.. finger-pointing over who's to blame. MPD says budget is an issue, but that Park Police chopper is always available.

4/27/04: VA tax vote: compromise tax bill from VA senate committee. Compromise is effort to end the stalemate and get a workable budget passed that reflects actual revenue.

5/6/04: Baseball meeting: DC mayor meets with MLB officials to talk baseball in dc. Outlines plan but declines to guarantee funding until baseball agrees to award team.

5/18/04: DC mayor school plan: city council defeats mayor's plan to take control of school system. Move is seen as a rebuke of Williams' authority and a statement about his effectiveness. Status quo maintained.

6/1/04: Moran/Rosenberg: fight for VA congress race. Rosenberg accuses Moran of being erratic and an embarrassment. Moran says he has done great things for his district and Rosenberg has little experience.

6/2/04: Barry for council: is he or isn't he? fmr mayor Marion Barry hints he may run for city council from the 8th district. Criticizes incumbent. Says he tells him their needs are not being heard.

6/3/04: Barry talks: Marion Barry talks about whether he will run for city council. Says people always ask him to run and that if he does, he will win. Says Ward 8 people need an advocate.

6/23/04: DC voting rights: going to congress to get voting rights in the house. City officials make their case for why DC residents deserve a vote in Congress. Little hope that they will prevail in current political climate.

6/29/04: DC slots decision: judge gives go-ahead to collect petition signatures on slots. Opponents are outraged and vow to cut this initiative off at the next phase.

7/5/04: Slots petitions: day before petitions are due. Allegations that those that have been collected were done illegally with out of town workers.

7/6/04: Slots petition deadline: slots proponents in DC hand in their petitions. They say they have well over the necessary number and are confident that if any are weeded out, they'll still be fine.

7/9/04: Slots petitions checked: checking the signatures on the petitions in favor of DC slots. Problems arise. Some people say they never signed. Other signatures can't be verified as coming from registered voters.

7/19/04: DC crime emergency: DC leaders enact limited crime emergency. Freeze retirement/vacation time for MPD police to combat persistent crimes, get more officers on streets.

7/21/04: Slots petition hearing: hearing into the validity of petitions in favor of slot machines in dc. Community activists say out of town lobbyists are trying to railroad the system.

7/26/04: Hoyer/ tea party: DC voting rights at DNC, and live interview with MD congressman. DC is given the opportunity to air its complaint about no voting members of Congress at the important Democratic National Convention. Seen as a coup just to raise the issue.

8/2/04: Terror: business & tourism: how locals are reacting to the terror alert. People say they don't really know what it means when the government says to be "on alert" and it just raises anxiety levels, but still they'd rather be warned.

8/9/04: Electronic voting: Ralph Nader expresses concern over computerized voting in Maryland and other states. Possible that machines could be hacked. Have they been rushed into use without proper testing because of the election debacle of 2000?

8/25/04: E-voting controversy: legal fight in MD over computerized voting system. Challengers say computerized system is plagued with problems and won't be reliable on Election Day.

8/28/04: Baseball battle: DC and VA going at it over baseball. VA group says suburban people will not go to a fringe part of DC to watch a game. DC group says ballparks are more successful in urban areas and DC has Metro and other advantages.

NATIONAL POLITICS

09/03/03: Abortion/ execution: Paul Hill, man who killed doctor who performed abortions, was executed by lethal injection. He professed anti-abortion beliefs in the death chamber. FL governor Jeb Bush refused to intervene in stopping the execution.

9/5/03: Iraq: Rumsfeld/Powell: Secretary of defense Donald Rumsfeld traveled to Iraq to meet with troops and assess the needs of the military. Meantime, Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke at George Washington University on issue of new UN resolution calling for more countries to join alliance in Iraq.

9/8/03: Iraq: Bush & new troops- President Bush asks congress for \$87 billion for Iraq. Britain agrees to send more troops to war zone.

9/8/03: Howard Dean in DC - Presidential candidate appears at rally at University of Maryland in College park on eve of endorsements from members of the DC Council.

9/9/03: Tours extended: Pres. Bush extends tours of duty for 20,000 National Guard and reserves already in Iraq. Policy does not affect groups scheduled for deployment in coming months.

9/14/03: President approval: President Bush's job approval rating holding steady at 58% but support for his policy on Iraq is wavering. 60 percent of those surveyed oppose the request for an additional 87 billion dollars to fight the war. 90 percent are concerned about the length of stay in Iraq.

9/28/03: white house leak: The CIA demands the Justice Department investigate if the white house revealed the identity of a CIA agent. The agent is the spouse of an outspoken critic of the Bush administration's policy in Iraq.

10/6/03: Israel/ Syria: Israel bombs a suspected terrorist training site in Syria and President does not condemn the action. The President said in a press conference that Israel has a right to defend itself.

10/7/03: CA recall election: Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger is elected Governor of California in a recall of sitting Governor Gray Davis. Schwarzenegger took 48 percent of the vote in a field of 134 candidates.

10/8/03: Recall: Arnold wins: Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger is elected Governor of California in a recall of sitting Governor Gray Davis. Schwarzenegger took 48 percent of the vote in a field of 134 candidates.

10/22/03: Abortion politics: Congress passes partial birth abortion ban. It outlaws procedure in which doctors puncture skull of fetus and remove brain. Abortion rights supporters vow to fight to overturn the ban.

10/23/03: Do not spam: Senate passes anti-spam legislation making it illegal for spammers to disguise their identities or automate junk email attacks. It authorizes the FTC to create a national, do not spam registry.

10/30/03: Cannon man w/ gun: House stopped session after reports of man with a gun in cannon building. It turned out to be a toy gun that was part of a Halloween costume. Security officers saw the gun image on an x-ray machine but staffer who brought it in continued through security.

11/06/03: Iraq latest: Two more US soldiers killed in Iraq. President Bush signed into law 87 billion aid pkg for military action in Iraq and Afghanistan. Pentagon also announced 85,000 new troops would be going to Iraq.

11/10/03: Plastic gun legislation: Law prohibiting plastic guns is set to expire in December. These are weapons which are not detected by security machines. House also already voted to keep ban. Senate now considering it.

- 11/12/03: Senate showdown: Democrats in US Senate plan all-night filibuster to block a vote on a judicial nominee.
- 11/14/03: Senate showdown: Filibuster in US Senate ends. Republicans fail to get votes on 3 of President Bush's judicial nominees.
- 11/17/03: Bush/Iraq: In face of growing number of US casualties, President Bush says he will not back down in war in Iraq, claiming it is the new front in the war on terror.
- 11/18/03: Gay marriage: Massachusetts Supreme Court rules that a state ban on gay marriages is unconstitutional. An amendment to the US constitution banning gay marriage is introduced in the US House.
- 11/19/03: Cyber theft: Congressional hearing on cyber theft includes testimony on the damaging effects of spyware. Congresswoman Bono has introduced legislation that would require spyware companies to clearly inform computer users of the presence of their tracking software.
- 11/24/03: Medicare showdown: US senate nears a vote on a bill that would overhaul Medicare, including adding a prescription drug benefit.
- 12/8/03: Bush signs Medicare: President Bush signs the Medicare bill into law. The new law creates a prescription drug benefit beginning in 2006. Democrats argue the new provisions will still require seniors to pay a lot of money in premiums.
- 12/14/03: Saddam captured: Ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein is discovered by US forces hiding in hole. He is placed in US custody and taken to Baghdad.
- 12/15: Saddam captured: Saddam Hussein in custody is described as defiant and sarcastic. He has so far denied his country possessed any weapons of mass destruction and any involvement with Al Qaida.
- 12/19/03: Terrorism briefing: Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi has agreed to stop his country from further developing weapons of mass destruction. The white house claims Libya's dramatic decision was influenced by the recent capture of Saddam Hussein.
- 01/04/04: Fingerprint foreigners: new program to keep track of visitors to the us Federal authorities launched a new fingerprint identity program in order to help prevent terrorists and illegal citizens from entering the United States.
- 1/12/04: Chambers update: chief chambers responds to allegations lodged against her U.S. Park Police Chief Teresa Chambers responds to about charges that she's violated federal rules on publicly disclosing security force posture.

1/14/04: Bush/moon program: President Bush outlines his plan for space travel President Bush outlined an aggressive plan for U.S. manned space travel back to the moon and possibly further.

1/19/04: Iowa caucus: Iowa caucuses tonight Iowa voters make their top choice as to who they want to be their presidential candidates.

1/20/04: State of the Union

President Bush delivers his annual state of the union address to a joint session of Congress.

1/21/04: State of the union/NH primary: on the campaign trail the day after the State of the Union President Bush trots out the themes laid out in his state of the union address on the campaign trail. Meanwhile both he and prospective democratic challengers stump in New Hampshire as its presidential primary draws near.

1/22/04: March for life: thousands march for pro-life and pro-choice The annual anti-abortion march for life is held in Washington, D.C. on the national mall. Abortion rights activists counter-demonstrate.

1/26/04: New Hampshire primary: preview of tomorrow's primary Presidential candidates from both sides of the aisle try to move one step closer to their parties nomination as granite state voters get ready to make their choice in as much tomorrow.

1/27/04: New Hampshire primary: primary day New Hampshire voters make their choice as to whom they would like their party's presidential nominees to be.

2/2/04: Bush budget: President presents budget, talks about weapons of mass destruction President Bush unveils his annual multi-million dollar budget and announces an independent commission to look into possible pre-war intelligence failures.

2/4/04: Ricin investigation follow: closed senate office buildings will re-open over next few days. Suspected doses of ricin had been found in U.S. Senate office buildings and consequently closed. Authorities say that the problem has been cleared and Senate buildings will reopen in coming days.

2/5/04: Tenet not my fault: George Tenet says there was no intelligence failure in search for WMD in Iraq. CIA director George Tenet says that his agency is on solid ground and that there was no intelligence failure in the search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

2/10/04: Primary setup: VA & TN primaries tonight Tonight voters in Virginia and Tennessee casts their votes as to who they want to vie for their parties' respective nominations.

2/24/04: Gay marriage amendment: Pres Bush says he supports idea of const. amendment banning gay marriage. President Bush announced his support for a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage at the White House.

3/10/04: On call: fat food lawsuit: move in congress to stop lawsuits against fast food restaurants. Congressional leaders advocate legislation to stop what they call runaway litigation against fast food restaurants.

3/23/04: 9/11 commission: public hearings into what national leaders knew before Sept. 11th. The President's commission on Terrorists attacks on the U.S. holds the first in several hearings as to what the U.S. government knew about homeland security before terrorists killed more than 3,000 people on American soil.

3/25/04: Bush is speaking in New Hampshire. Howard Dean supports John Kerry at a rally in northwest DC. President George W. Bush stumps in New Hampshire for his party's nomination. Meanwhile former Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean abandons his campaign and throws his support behind fellow politician John Kerry.

4/6/04: Lead/senator meetings: 2 senators meet with woman in her capitol hill home to talk about lead levels in DC drinking water. Two U.S. Senators visit a Capitol Hill woman after she complains of elevated lead levels in DC's drinking water.

4/7/04: Senate WASA hearing: senators probe lead water problems and response in DC A U.S. senate committee investigate problems of elevated lead levels in D.C.'s drinking water.

4/8/04: Rice 9/11 testimony: Condi Rice testifies before 9/11 commission National Security adviser Dr. Condoleeza Rice testifies in public testimony before the 9/11 commission.

4/13/04: 9/11 comm. FBI, DOJ: Louis Freeh, Janet Reno, John Ashcroft testify Former FBI director Louis Freeh, former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and current U.S. Attorney General all testify before the 9/11 commission.

4/14/04: 9/11 comm. CIA: George Tenet testifies before 9/11 commission Current CIA director George Tenet testifies before the 9/11 commission.

4/23/04: Women's march: gearing up for women's' rights rally Sunday. Abortion rights activists come to DC in order to prepare for a rally on Sunday.

4/27/04: Cheney scotus: scotus hears arguments on whether Cheney has to turn over energy records policy. The U.S. Supreme Court hears arguments on whether U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney has to surrender minutes from a private White House meeting over the nation's energy policy.

5/5/04: Bush/Arab TV: President apologizes on Arab TV for abuse of Iraqis at prison President goes on administration-friendly Arab TV networks for US troop abuse of Iraqi prisoners.

5/6/04: Rumsfeld/ abuse: calls for Rumsfeld to resign over Iraqi prisoner abuse. And Pres. Bush apologizes for the abuse. Democrats call for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's resignation over the Iraqi prison abuse scandal. Meanwhile, President Bush continues to apologize for the incident.

5/7/04: Rumsfeld testifies: defense secretary goes before lawmakers over Iraqi prisoner abuse. U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld testifies before a congressional committee over the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal.

5/12/04: Iraq abuse folo: congress gets a look at more abuse photos, reacts Congress continues its investigation into the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal.

5/17/04: MA gay marriage: Mass. starts issuing marriage licenses to gay & lesbian couples Massachusetts begins issuing marriage licenses to gay & lesbian couples.

5/21/04: Iraq abuse new pics: new pictures & video of abuse at Iraqi prison More photos and video emerge in the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal and lawmakers react.

5/27/04: Gore on Bush: Al Gore SLAMS G.W. Bush on Iraq policy & calls for top aides to resign Former Vice President Al Gore excoriates President Bush on U.S. policy in Iraq and calls for his top aides to resign.

6/3/04: CIA dir Tenet resigns: George Tenet resigns President Bush accepts CIA Director George Tenet's resignation.

6/5/04: Reagan dies: former president Ronald Reagan dies Former President Ronald Reagan dies as the longest living U.S. president.

6/15/04: Iraq attack & Saddam: US govt may hand Saddam Hussein back over to the Iraqi interim govt. As battles continue in Iraq, the U.S. government authority considers handing former President Saddam Hussein over to the Iraqi interim government.

6/24/04: Fahrenheit 9/11: will the movie affect national election?? Questions are raised as to whether filmmaker Michael Moore's movie Fahrenheit 9/11, highly critical of the Iraq War affect voter opinion in the 2004 presidential election.

7/6/04: Kerry/Edwards: John Kerry picks John Edwards as his running mate Presumptive democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry picks fellow senator and former candidate John Edward as his running mate.

7/9/04: Senate Iraq report: report investigates events leading to war with Iraq A U.S. Senate committee relegates a report investigating the events leading up to the Iraq war.

7/14/04: Gay marriage: senate votes down proposed constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage. The U.S. senate hands President Bush a legislative defeat when it fails to pass a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

7/16/04: Kerry/teachers: Kerry and Bush campaigning- Kerry courts teachers Both presumptive presidential nominees President Bush and Senator Kerry stump for votes. Senator Kerry specifically goes after support from teachers' unions.

7/21/04: 9/11 comm report: report will be issued tomorrow
The 9/11 commission announces that its report will be officially released on July 23rd,
2004. Some of its provisions are already leaked to the press.

7/23/04: 9/11 report follow: lawmakers want to move ahead and make recommended changes. The 9/11 commission's report is officially released to the public. Lawmakers want to move quickly to implement its recommendations.

7/26/04: DNC: security: opening day for the democratic national convention Today is the first day of the Democratic National Committee convention in Boston amid high security.

7/28/04: DNC Kerry/war: John Kerry arrives in Boston, assorted other convention stories Presumptive Democratic Presidential nominee John Kerry arrives in Boston on day two of his party's national convention.

8/2/04: DC terror alert: DC one of 3 cities listed in terror alert. This is leading to street closures and security checkpoints around the US Capitol.

8/4/04: 15th St fence restrictions: More street closures are possible in wake of recent terror threat. Homeland Security officials now considering closures on 15th and 17th streets.

8/9/04: New terror threat: New details emerge about recent terror threat including information that limousines and helicopters may be new weapons used by terrorists.

8/10/04: CIA director nomination: Pres Bush nominates Florida Congressman Porter Goss to head the CIA. Goss once served in CIA and is now Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee.

8/25/04: Abu Ghraib latest: New report on abuses at Abu Ghraib prison places blame on some military top brass. The report implicates 27-people in 44 cases of abuse, most specifically, military intelligence soldiers and civilian contractors.

8/30/04: RNC convention: Republican national convention opens in New York City. First night speakers include Arizona Senator John McCain and former NYC mayor Rudy Giuliani

HOUSING

9/16/03: Home protection: With the impending arrival of Hurricane Isabel, FOX 5 gave viewers information on ways to protect their home from hurricane inside and out, and information on how to protect themselves from the effects of the storm.

10/2/03: Oxon Hill fire: fire rips through apartment building...leaving many people homeless after an early morning fire on Sunday destroyed a home. Tonya Alston, her three children, her three year old niece and the person watching her children all had to jump from their second story apartment to the ground, but they are all safe.

10/30/03: Mercury families: "17" families were forced out of their homes when 'mercury' was discovered in their apartment building. Health department gave the "all clear"... for them to 'return' today.

11/07/03: Trash truck townhouse: trash truck slammed into and "through" the house, the building had to be 'reinforced' before the truck could be pulled out. The house is a 'total' loss, but no one was injured.

11/12/03: Colon Terrace explosion: A house blows up in temple hills. Five people were inside, but managed to make it out just in time. Investigators are now examining the gas 'appliances' taken from the home to see if they can figure out what triggered the explosions.

11/14/03: Line fire/ Pepco: Firefighters say pepco took too long to respond to fire outside house. The fire that now has pepco on the hot seat caused a 100k dollars in damage and has displaced the people who live here.

12/16/03: real estate housing: New help for low-income people to buy homes, on top of news of red-hot home building market the "value" of homes and condos across the Washington area is skyrocketing. President Bush signs a new bill that will help for down payment and closing cost for low income families.

01/07/04: Historic Home Fire

A historic mansion in Oxon Hill goes up in flames; a look at the home's history and whether it can be restored.

1/21/04: Town Auction

It's a pretty big auction when the whole town is for sale! We check out what's up for bid in an auction where the whole town is made up of two stores and two rental properties

1/22/04: Front Royal Explosion

A trailer explodes, leaving several families homeless from the blast. Police investigate whether improper storage of propane fuel contributed to the fire.

1/26/04: No Heat

It's something you don't want to face in the middle of winter -- a house with no heat. There are hundreds of homes in Poolesville, MD with no heat, and people are taking some innovative means to keep their families warm until the problem is solved.

2/2/04: Fatal Fire

A Washington row-house fire claims the life of a young boy. Investigation is underway into cause of fire, which may have ignited after unsupervised children were left with a space heater, and access to matches.

2/4/04: Lead in the Water

A local woman says she tried to blow the whistle on high lead levels in the water in D.C. homes, but nobody in official Washington would listen to her. Does she have a valid complaint? Water testing shows there are unhealthy levels of lead in some parts of the District.

2/6/04: Good & Evil

It's the clergy versus a 'bad' building, as local religious leaders lead us on a tour through decrepit buildings that are not only eyesores, but potentially dangerous to neighbors because of the potential for collapse.

2/10/04: Lead Latest

An update on the lead levels in local water, including a report on how to do your own test, at home, of the lead levels in your kitchen, bath, etc.

2/13/04: Quantico Water

A look at water issues elsewhere in the region takes our reporter to Quantico, where the on-base drinking water may be hazardous to the people who live there.

2/24/04: Local Lead

A report on a public meeting at the local water commission, including airing of citizen concerns abut how to get the lead out of water pipes that lead to local homes, schools, and businesses

3/1/04: Beltsville fire

The fire department rescue: 2 men save mother and baby trapped in house fire Fire rescuers are heroes when they go into a fire and rescue several people

3/2/04: lead water awareness:

trying to get the word out to Spanish-speaking people who may have lead in their home water. District officials are getting the word out to an often underserved community to explain the dangers of lead in the water.

3/8/04: lead water lawsuit: two district families sue over lead levels in home drinking water. Saying that the city never warned them of the extremely high levels of lead found in district homes.

3/15/04: lead pipes: who pays?: who pays to replace lead pipes in homes? Now that district residents have been informed of the lead in their water they want to know who will pay to replace the lead pipes in their homes.

3/18/04: lead protest/filters: City residents protest to get lead out of the water in District homes. City officials are offering residents free water filters to help with the situation.

3/23/04: Wilson Bridge tenants:

apt dwellers near the Wilson Bridge need to move out to repair ceilings damaged by bridge work. Residents are upset by the displacement and want to compensated for their time and expense of having to move short term.

4/2/04: Pepco rates: pepco wants to raise rates for MD homeowners. Homeowners argue that they are already paying increased rates and think homeowner rates should stay the same.

4/26/04: 9th St apt fire: 7th fire at southeast apt bldg since October. Most fires are similar and residents are meeting with district officials to see if they have linked any of the fires to each other.

5/4/04: abode.com: website to help single mothers find roommates/ housing. To help share houses, expenses, babysitting, living expenses and all responsibilities.

5/5/04: squeezed out: high housing prices are squeezing low-income people out of their rental homes. This is a problem we have been following as district residents continue to complain that they are being forced out of their homes so expensive homes can be redeveloped in area of Washington.

5/25/04: mold health effect: study says mold in homes doesn't cause all of the health problems that people think it does. Often health problems are caused by other indoor pollens can cause health issues not always attributed to mold.

6/1/04: too late to refinance?: It is not too late to refinance your mortgage. There are options out there that will help lower your monthly payments.

7/14/04: housing hope: helping lower-income people by houses acorn community groups help low income people buy housing and targets people who prey on them.

7/19/04: Fairfax building codes: looking at whether homes are being built too close together... fire danger. This came up after a fire caused by a candle set off a fire that raced up three floors and torched 18 condo and caused the death of three people. Residents are wondering if houses are built to close.

7/23/04: habitat theft: In Woodbridge Virginia lumber was stolen from habitat for humanity construction project. Now habitat needs to come up with close to 2,000 dollars to complete the home earmarked for a needy family.

8/9/04: entertaining: Living large ways to entertain at home on a budget without having to spend a lot of money. Ideas from food to decorations to invitations and gifts.

8/18/04: alarm going off: burglar alarm rings for more than a day at Capitol Hill home. Alarm company can't reach the homeowner who is out of town. Residents are complaining about the noise the alarm is causing.

8/28/04: green furniture: furniture designers going "green" with eco-friendly materials. Things that recycled and used to make something old new again.

8/30/04: property value: values of area homes are dropping in one DC neighborhood; result of gas spill years earlier. Northeast residents say they finally have concrete evidence they've been living with gas contamination for 15 years now. their property values just plummeted. in 2001, Riggs park residents found out a former Chevron gas station located at Riggs and Eastern Avenue had leaked gas since 1989.

ENVIRONMENT

9/14/03: Stocking up: East coast of the United States braces for Hurricane Isabel. The exact path of the storm is unknown, so from the Carolinas to New Jersey.. people are preparing for the worst.

9/16/03: Hurricane, hurricane, hurricane. Hundreds of thousands of people are evacuated from the Carolinas. The hurricane came onshore causing massive power outages along the Eastern seaboard, including the Washington metro area.

9/28/03: Bay Damages: effects of Isabel may be felt on the Chesapeake for months to come, debris, chemicals in water hurt people who make their living on the water

10/8/03: Ballou mercury follow: The scare over mercury at Ballou high school continues, after a student spilled the element in the building. Officials are testing buses and homes for the presence of mercury. We explain the threat, and potential consequences.

10/16/03: HAY ADAMS HAZMAT: Fuel dumped into basement, causing a major hazardous situation. Workers thought they were pumping fuel into a generator, but the machine had been moved.

10/22/03: Ballou/mercury cleanup: Some homes tested positive for mercury. Ballou students are believed to have tracked the element on their shoes and clothing. Now officials have to clean-up the contamination.

10/23/03: Is Brentwood safe? - After the Brentwood anthrax attacks, which killed several postal workers, employees are concerned about the decontamination progress at postal facility. They expressed their concerns at a hearing.

10/30/03: Mercury families: Families of Ballou students who accidentally contaminated their homes with mercury, return to their homes after cleanup.

11/14/03: Hummer protests: Environmental and health groups believe Hummers are a threat, because they use so much gasoline. They rallied at a protest today.

11/19/03: Rainy wx/ flooding: Locally heavy rains cause street flooding

11/18/03: Weather set-up: stormy weather heading our way from Texas.

11/14/03: wx damage: Day two of a deadly windstorm. From the Midwest to our area.. whipping winds claimed 8 lives, leaving hundreds of thousands of people without power.

11/13/03: wind storms: A major windstorm blows through the area.. knocking down trees.. setting transformers on fire.. and leaving thousands without power.

11/07/03: Post office anthrax: authorities shut down 12 postal facilities in DC, Maryland and Virginia, after a preliminary tested showed the possibility of anthrax, in a mail-sorting facility in Anacostia.

11/06/03: storm damage: The national weather service inspects the damage from a destructive storm, that tore a path from Virginia to Maryland yesterday, toppling trees, and knocking down power lines.

11/05/03: Severe storms: A police officer reports a tornado dropped down from the clouds over Montgomery County, as severe storms move through Northern Virginia and Maryland

11/04/03: Ballou mercury: mercury-tainted high school gets the all-clear for the clean-up

12/3/03: cold weather: Rain, sleet, and snow head towards the metro DC area. The entire region is put under a winter storm watch

12/9/03: Minor Earthquake: From North Carolina to Maryland, people were shaken by an unusual phenomenon: an earthquake, left a trail of confusion and concern. The epicenter was in a small town called Columbia, outside of Richmond.

1/26/04: Snow Problems: Dozens of schools shutdown as a major snow storm heads towards the area. One degree could make all the difference between rain and ice.

1/19/04: First Weather: The bitterly cold weather will be around for quite awhile.

1/14/04: snowy weather: snow is coming, so is the cold

01/05/04: rain then cold: Rain is washing away the unusual spring-like weather. Now winter is making a comeback, and the forecast will be frigid.

2/6/04: flood watch & flooding problems: Roads become flooded, causing major traffic problems. Rain, slush and ice, especially in Montgomery County.

2/5/04: messy mix: A storm that left parts of the Midwest underwater is here. Sleet and freezing rain make for a messy commute.

4/13/04: Contamination truck: A Northeast neighborhood contaminated by a leaking underground storage tank, and perc, has the EPA investigating the extent of the problem.

5/27/04: National Gallery Hazmat: Fumes from a powerful chemical sealant filled the National Gallery of Art. Dozens of Children had to be rushed to the hospital, including a bus full of kids on a field trip.

5/25/04: Weather: Severe Storms blow through the Washington Metro area. WTTG keeps viewers up to date on the weather that may effect them.

5/21/04: Planes & Weather: A New study finds that Planes can influence the weather. Planes contribute to cloud cover, which scientists say could effect the temperature. Scientists say as plane traffic grows, the problem will get worse. Their solution is for planes to fly higher in the atmosphere.

5/17/04: Cicadas: The bugs only come out once every 17 years. Differences in moisture and temperature are a couple of reasons Cicadas hit some places more then others. Scientists say they may be annoying, but they aren't harmful.

5/7/04: Save the Shoreline: The Chesapeake Bay is one of the most valuable assets of our region. But according to a Brazilian boater, we're not taking very good care of it. We talk to a Photojournalist from Brazil who is paddling along the shorelines documenting how we are failing to preserve the treasure.

5/4/04: Lead Free Drinking Water: DC's Lead water worries maybe going national. Contamination concerns could prompt an overhaul of drinking water regulations across the country. It could mean tighter rules on lead testing and standards.

5/3/04: Rainy Weather: Rainy Weather and Storms move through the Washington metro area. WTTG keeps people informed of what they can expected.

6/22/04: Storm Warning: Parts of the Washington metro area are under a storm warning. WTTG keeps people informed of rough weather moving into their neighborhoods.

6/15/04: Storm Watches: Parts of the Washington metro area are under a storm watch. WTTG keeps people informed of rough weather moving into their neighborhoods.

6/1/04: Lead Water Additive: The District of Columbia prepares to start using a new additive in the treatment of the water. The hope is the additive will stop the leaching of the lead from the pipes.

7/16/04: WASA Lead Report: The final Independent report into the DC Lead Water Crisis is out, and it finds plenty of blame to go around. The report blames a communications breakdown, poorly supervised employees, and management downplaying the problem.

7/14/04: Tornado/Flood Watch: A dangerous storm system is moving through the Washington DC metro area, the same one that spawned tornadoes throughout the Midwest. WTTG keeps viewers informed of all the latest watches and warnings, and reports on the damage left behind by the storm.

7/13/04: Flooding Aftermath: People in Northern Maryland are cleaning up after water flooded out entire neighborhoods.

7/12/04: Flooding: Heavy rain pounds down on parts of the region. In Northern Maryland, parts of an entire town are underwater, homes knocked off their foundation, and drivers have to be rescued when their cars get stuck in high water. WTTG keeps viewers informed of the weather situation as it threatens the area.

7/5/04: Severe Storms: Summer storms move through the region, WTTG keeps people informed of the weather as it moves through.

7/2/04: Colonial Beach Algae: 4 Beaches are closed because of Algae bloom. We explain what Algae bloom is, if it's dangerous, and how on the weekend of July 4th, closing the beaches could be devastating to the economy because it's still recovering from Hurricane Isabel.

8/18/04: EPA Water: DC is introducing a new city wide water treatment that will hopefully solve the lead water problems. Orthophosphate is a tasteless, odorless additive that's used by water systems nationwide to control corrosion. Its worked in Northwest Washington, and now its going to be used System wide.

8/13/04: Hurricane Charley: Charley made landfall in Florida devastating areas near Ft. Meyers. Now people in the Washington region are bracing for the aftermath. Particularly, people along the Potomac are bracing for flooding. Also hundreds of airline passengers are stranded at the 3 Washington area airports.

8/12/04: Wild Weather: Tropical storm Bonnie Strikes the Florida Coast, and Hurricane Charley is right behind her. From Metro rail to Old Town, people in the Washington area are bracing for the aftermath of this double dose of trouble.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

9/03/03 Healthy Kids: NFL's "Healthy Kids" Campaign teams up with "Kaboom!" to create a playground for local kids to enjoy. Volunteers and NFL officials discuss importance of children having a safe place to go.

9/16/03: On Call: Conjoined Twins. Babies separated during delicate surgery at Johns Hopkins University Medical Center

9/14/03: Cancer: A Child's View: Looking through the eyes of a child, what it is like to go through cancer, and the recovery process

9/03/03: NFL healthy kids & kaboom playground: NFL donates \$\$\$\$ to help kids be healthy & volunteers build kids a playground

9/28/03: Daycare Dilemma: A report on whether children in daycare are living with more than kids with stay-at-home moms and dads.

10/2/03: PG Children & Crime: Child assaulted during a soccer match -- are fights at sporting events inevitable? And if so, should your child be playing?

10/16/03: On Call: Heart: The Amplatzer Heart -- the illness and post-surgical recovery of a young girl who underwent a very new heart procedure

10/7/03: School Violence/Troubles: A report on the student who allegedly released potentially deadly mercury into a local high school. Report delves into student's background, including his video-game obsessions.

11/24/03: Kids & Toys: It's supposed to be the most fun years of their lives, so why are so many kids getting hurt when they play? A look at improper bike assembly by stores/manufacturers, and how children get hurt by improper assembly - how to make sure your child's bike is ok

11/18/03: Teens and School: Local teenagers are supposedly selected for "national honors" -- but if you have to pay to be listed, is it really an 'honor'?

11/14/03: Teens and Sports: Local students at Anacostia High School play their first game since a tragic murder of their Running Back; how kids are coping, and how the team is honoring their falling teammate

11/12/03: Custody or Care? Parents face a wrenching decision: give up custody of their child, or make the child go without needed mental health care. Why should any parent have to make this horrible decision, and why is that choice necessary?

11/10/03: Teens & Violence: Report on a huge fight within a local troubled school; Students at Ballou H.S. have endured the murders of several classmates, the cancelled start of classes, etc.; is this the last straw?

11/06/03: Teens & Violence: Another local child is killed; a 16-year-old who is murdered outside of his High School is laid to rest. His classmates talk about the culture of fear that surrounds their neighborhoods.

11/04/03: On Cal: Flu: A report on 'flu mist' -- children in our region are the first to test the new 'flu mist' vaccine; a look at whether parents can be comfortable using this option to treat their children; what are the risks and benefits.

12/19/03: Child Hero: She was only nine years old, but she knew how to save the life of a grownup; local child uses the 911 system to call for help when her mother falls ill. Does your child know what to do in an emergency?

12/17/03: Children Caught in the Crossfire: A six year old child is the newest victim of drive-by shootings in poor neighborhoods. A look at whether innocent bystanders can ever be safe while there is rampant gang violence in the city. What can you do to keep innocent children from being caught in the crossfire.

12/16/03: Teen Murderer? A pretrial look at the facts surrounding the horrific murder of a juvenile who stands accused of killing a 16-year-old classmate; children killing children has become a common phenomenon -- how can parents impress on their children the value of human life -- and to respect themselves and others.

12/15/03: Kids & Healthy Eating: There's a new Kid Cafe in the neighborhood; no, they don't need a Starbucks, but kids can use help in learning about nutrition and healthy snacks. This cafe aims to teach children good nutrition, while the kids are having a good time.

12/8/03: Technology in the Home

Do you know what your children are playing on their X-Box? A report on the most violent games out there -- you won't believe what's going on in the games you have under your own roof. End with a list of videos recommended for the family.

12/2/03: Day Care Costs: A report giving tips on how to find day care for your child --factors to consider include cost, the facility's size, ratio of teachers/students, and their philosophies of child raising.

12/1/03: Keeping Children Safe at Home: You can't protect children 24 hours a day, but it should be common sense to watch them when they're in potentially dangerous situations, such as a neighborhood swimming pool. But report shows children can drown even when it appears they're being watched carefully by their parents or daycare providers.

1/21/04: Conjoined Twins Update: Another look at little girls who came to the Washington area to be separated, and an update on their dicey medical condition

1/14/04: Cars and Kids - Dangerous Duo? Another case of local children being in the car when it's 'jacked' -- these two brothers used their heads and jumped out of their mom's car after it was stolen. Would your kids know what to do if this happened to your family?

1/12/04: Violence against Children: An infant's body is found in an apartment building in Northeast Washington; were there signs that the family was out of control, or was this just a tragic accident. Report on what happened and why there is so much post-holiday stress that can be dangerous to children.

01/07/04: Politics and Kids. A local 14-year-old student writes to President Bush about the crime problem in the child's neighborhood -- it's a 'feel good' situation, as the president responds to the letter.

2/27/04: On Call: Autism: There are many schools of thought about treating autism. Most doctors favor therapy and some sort of drug intervention, but a local doctor says he's having stellar results with a new treatment option that does not drug the child.

2/24/04: On Call: Virus: It's an epidemic of illness at a Virginia elementary school; more than 50 children fall ill. A report on whether this is 'norovirus' and if so -- is it treated the same was as 'conventional' viruses?

2/11/04: Safety Seats: A report on parents who admit they don't "always" use child safety seats. Why not? Some say they're inconvenient, some say the child is just as safe without the seat. What's your safety-seat IQ?

2/10/04: Violence in School: A 14-year-old in Prince William County is accused of making a bomb threat against his school. Report asks whether there are warning signs that a child may act-out on violent fantasies, and whether kids are safe during their everyday lives at school.

2/6/04: Baby's Suspicious Death: In the new year, there have already been several infant deaths termed 'suspicious' by officials; in the latest, parents told police the baby fell, but later admitted that one of their older children had hit the baby, but police aren't sure that's the true story, either. What drives some parents or siblings to violence against their own families?

2/5/04: On Call: Home Alone: A local mother is brought to court after being accused of leaving her children home alone. There are different rules in VA, MD, and DC about who can be left home alone and at what age -- are you risking arrest by leaving your children alone or with underaged baby sitters?

3/17/04: Fetuses Found: A mom-to-be said she delivered a baby at Washington Hospital Center on March 9 and it's cord was wrapped around its neck. The baby was born alive, police say they found the baby in a plastic bag. Police will arrange for a proper burial.

3/16/04: Baby Found Alive: A female baby was found alive, and abandoned, in Clinton, MD on the doorstep of a home. The homeowner heard noises in his backyard and found the baby. He wrapped the baby in blankets until emergency crews arrived.

3/15/04: Intel Science Comp: 40 high school students compete for the annual Science Talent Competition. The two day event takes place in downtown Washington, the winner will receive \$100,000.

3/10/04: Kiddy Car Thieves: In broad daylight, kids as young as 9 years old, torment an intersection in the Benning Terrace neighborhood. Police say nearly 30 cars have been stolen by kids in the last several weeks. Police Chief Charles Ramsey says kids are taking the system for a joyride.

3/9/04: Philly kidnapping reunion: The mother who recognized her, thought to be dead, daughter were reunited today. The mother thought her daughter had been killed in a fire when she was an infant.

3/2/04: Philly kidnapping: A mother who thought her child was dead recognizes a girl who resembles that child. She went to police and after a DNA test it turns out the girl is her daughter. A neighbor had kidnapped the baby years ago after purposely setting a fire at the girls home.

4/29/04: 12 yo arrested/murder: A 12 year old in Georgia is accused of strangling an 8 year old girl.

4/23/04: Howard Co. sex/false report: Rape charges against 3 Howard County teens will be dropped after the accuser recants her story. The boys were accused of trapping the girl in a school restroom and sexually assaulting her.

4/16/04: NJ birth death: A newborn baby came into this world at the same time her father was killed. The baby was born in the backseat of a car, her father was driving and crashed. He was killed, the mother was ejected from the car, and a passerby saves the baby.

4/14/04: girl survives crash: A 5 year old girl spent 10 days in a car that had crashed down into a ravine, and is living to tell about it. In the crash the girls mother was killed.

4/5/04: Hyattsville baby found: a man woke up to his dog howling and tires screeching out of his neighborhood, but didn't look outside. The man found the dark skinned baby outside his home as he was leaving to go to work.

5/21/04: MD girl found/ parents: A 3 year-old girl who was abandoned in Baltimore city is now reunited with her parents. The girls parents claim they didn't intentionally leave the girl, now police will sort out the facts.

5/18/04: ROTC class heat: On this hot May afternoon several kids in a local DC ROTC program have been hospitalized for heat exhaustion. Seven students were taken to a local hospital, eight others were treated at the scene.

5/7/04: kiddy car thieves: A 12y/o and a 14y/o have been arrested for stealing a car in NE D.C. This is another in the string of kiddy car thieves in the Washington area.

5/5/04: child beaten & burned: A toddler was abused and burned and is now at Children's hospital. Police are investigating the incident but so far the finger is being pointed at the mother's boyfriend.

5/3/04: on call: 4 d ultrasound: An expansive story on the pros and cons of 4 d ultrasounds for your baby

6/23/04: P.W. school guns follow: Today Prince William county police release more details about one students plot to attack his middle school. The boy was taken into custody for bringing firearms on school property, police believe he did intend to use them.

6/22/04: meningitis victim: A 16y/o female is now home recovering from a non-deadly form of Meningitis. This is just the latest in a possible meningitis outbreak in the area.

6/21/04: Fairfax meningitis: 3 people at one school in Fairfax are being treated and one has died, from Meningitis. Right now there are 2 16y/o's and a teacher who are being treated for the virus, another teen has died.

6/15/04: hands off minors: There is a new program in Virginia to encourage men to stay away from teen-aged girls. The state program will include billboards and message on bar napkins.

6/14/04: Aspen Hill teen beaten: The 5th suspect in a case where a 16y/o was beaten to death in Aspen Hill, MD gets his day in court. the group attacked the teen victim and killed him.

6/1/04: PG student killed: A senior Prince George's high school student was attacked and killed outside a 7-11 store after buying his girlfriend a slurpee. A group of people attacked the teen, beat and killed him.

7/19/04: NJ girl murdered: Police in New Jersey are looking for the body of a girl who was last seen getting a ride home from a friend's father.

7/15/04: kids burned follow: Two boys who were burned in a shed explosion have returned home after spending several months at a children's burn hospital in Boston. The boys were playing in a backyard shed several months ago when the explosion occurred.

7/12/04: truth about lying: A new study is out saying that our young kids are picking up lying at a very young age. The more adults take on lying the more kids are picking up on it.

7/9/04: waiting game II: Today we take a look at how to shorten the time you spend in line on your next trip to Disney World. Lines can exceed an hour, but we give you tips on how to wave goodbye to long liens.

8/30/04: school ped safety: As school in Montgomery and Howard counties begin, police and parents are pointing out dangers on the roads for teen drivers. With a rise in teen driving accidents, everyone is trying to find ways to curb the problem.

8/18/04: abandoned baby: There are no new clues today in the search for a mother who left her baby in a shopping cart. Police were back out at the scene today passing out flyers of the baby hoping someone will remember the child and possibly give a clue as to who it's mother is.

8/12/04: musical theatre: Kids discover the thrill of stepping before an audience at a new musical theatre in Rockville. The classes are in singing, dancing and acting. During it all kids get real world, important, career advice.

8/10/04: kids bitten by fox: 3 children were bitten by, what police are calling, a rabid fox. Health officials were able to track down the dangerous animal, they shot and killed it.

8/9/04: UMD illness: A group of High School students attending a leadership program at the University of Maryland are ill tonight. Health officials believe the illness might be the Norovirus, the same virus that cruise passengers have recently been affected with.

MINORITY/ETHNIC

9/5/03: Black Family Reunion: Preparations for the annual "Black Family Reunion" weekend on the National Mall.

10/16/03: GW Profiling: Accusations of racial profiling of patients.

1/19/04: MLK Day of Service: Thousands of local people participate in honoring Martin Luther King Jr by participating in a community service day.

5/5/04: Prince George's County Pedestrian Safety: Demonstration for Latino residents of the county on how to properly cross streets safely. Studies show that there is a higher rate of Latino pedestrian fatalities in the region.

CONSUMER

8/12/03: Leamy/Unauthorized Trading

Billions of dollars are lost each year to unscrupulous investment operators. Tips to protect you and your nest egg.

11/12/03: Leamy/Modeling: Often offers from modeling companies are just a ploy to get money from people, with no promise of any modeling career.

11/13/03: Leamy/Credit Counseling: Credit concealing services offer to save you from financial free fall, but several of them are doing more harm than good.

11/14/03: Leamy/Carbon Copy: Even though checks seem old fashioned these days, using a credit card, can make you more vulnerable to crooks.

11/17/03: Leamy/Non-Existent Gym: Ending your contract with your gym, can be quite difficult. One gym wouldn't even let folks cancel their contracts, after the gym was never built. How to avoid this happening to you

11/18/03: Leamy/Honor Roll: For students, making the honor roll is a great thing. However, some companies that offer rewards for academic success, are not what they seem. Instead, they trick the students and parents.

11/19/03: Leamy/Magnetic Mattress: Consumers spend billions of dollars a year on unproven, fraudulently marketed and often useless health products. Sometimes the pain is so great the promise of relief seems worth any amount of money. Fox exposes companies preying on false hope of unhealthy people.

11/21/03: Leamy/Refinance: Mortgage rates are lower again. But last summer they were rock bottom. We should how millions of Americans thought they locked in and low rates, are learning they didn't get their new rates at all.

11/24/03: Leamy/Number Portability: If you have a cell phone, and want to change phone service providers, you can now take your number to the new phone company with you.

11/25/03: Leamy/Toy Recall: Holiday shopping season is in full swing. Government is warning consumers about toys, and children's products that are being recalled.

12/1/03: SUV Crash Test: Study on how SUV's rate in the latest crash tests.

12/8/03: Martin/Airport Shuttle Warning: Montgomery County opens an investigation into an airport shuttle driver is overcharging passengers to and from local airports. The story also looks at ways to avoid becoming a victim if you think you're being overcharged.

12/24/03: Leamy/Charity Donations: Last year Americans gave a record amount of money to charity. Now that the economy is picking up, many may want to give even more. Here's a way to check your charity to make sure your money is being spent how you want it.

12/24/03: Leamy/Working with Architects: If you want to make some changes to your home, hiring an Architect may be a better, and less expensive option than you think.

12/25/03: Leamy/Holiday Returns: If you want to unload some of those holiday gifts you don't want, here's a way to make returning gifts a breeze.

12/25/03: Leamy/Toy Checklist: If you just gave your kids a bunch of new toys, this may be a time to take their old toys, to check to make sure they are still safe to play with.

12/26/03: Leamy/Holiday Debt: Holiday debt is a problem for a lot of people, how to recover from financial over spending.

12/26/03: Leamy/Party Liability: If you throw a party at your house, and guest is hurt there - or on the way home, find out if you can be liable.

1/1/04: Leamy/Moving Law: If you are thinking about an inexpensive unknown moving company think again. Last year the government had more than 10-thousand complaints from moving company customers. The government is looking to crack down on these bad guys.

1/19/04: Cold Weather Cars: Warnings by local police of cars being stolen while people wait inside to warm up cars in cold weather.

1/21/04: Leamy/Downloading Music: The recording industry is trying to pull the plug on music piracy. They are suing more than 500 computer users, as the music company tires to protect the rights of musicians and their copyrighted material.

1/22/04: Leamy/Top 10 Complaints: The FTC released their top ten consumer complaints. If you know what they are, you can avoid becoming a victim yourself.

1/27/04: Leamy/My Doom: MYDOOM is a high-tech worm that is creeping in many computers, world wide. What should you look for to avoid big problems.

- 2/10/04: Leamy/Arbitration: Every time you sign a contract, chances are you are being deprived of a fundamental right, the chance to sue if someone does you wrong. Watch out for this clause that could force you into arbitration, rather than allowing you in the courtroom.
- 2/11/04: Leamy/Scam School: Gold: Consumers will spend more than 12 billion dollars on Valentines Day gifts this year. If you want to buy gold, be careful you get what you pay for. How to tell the real deal.
- 2/13/04: Leamy/Lemon Law: Each year, manufacturers buy back about 100-thousand vehicles that are considered lemons. And the "lemon law" applies to new cars as well as used. However, trying to get your money back can be a challenge, we show you how.
- 2/16/04: Leamy/Curbstoning: If you shop for a car in the classifieds watch out. Experts estimate 80 percent of the cars advertised in the paper are not placed there by individual owners or dealerships.
- 2/18/04: Leamy/Scam School: Antiques: If you want to buy an antique, you may be concerned about getting a fake. Even dealers are often fooled. How to know you are getting the real thing.
- 2/22/04: Leamy/Scam School: Diamonds: If you want to buy a diamond think about going for the faux kind. The fakes look so good, no one has to know. However, if you want the "real" thing, make sure you get it.
- 2/23/04: Leamy/Sell your Cell: If you get a new cell, what should you do with your old one? You can make money off the old phone.
- 2/25/04: Leamy/Do Not Spam: People who are tired of junk email, an explainer of what the 'do not spam' registry would be, and how it would work.
- 2/27/04: Leamy/Smelly Car: If you want to buy a new car, watch out for sulfur smell in your car. Dealers know its happening, and often don't warn buyers. How to avoid getting a stinky car
- 3/3/04: Leamy/Counterfeit CDs: Today's technology has caused an explosion in counterfeit CDs. The industry says they are getting short changed, but fraudulent fakes could hurt you too.
- 3/3/04: Leamy/Gas Pump Skimming: A NW scam, that with a swipe of a credit or debit card, could make you a victim. Once you swipe your card at the gas station, a thief can pull up after you, and get your information.
- 3/9/04: Leamy/Powerball Ploy: A lottery warning about a powerball ploy that is designed to take your money, rather than get you some.

3/16/04: Leamy/Do not spam scam: The do not call list, has created a new scam. The cons ask folks to sign up for a do not email registry. But there is no such thing. Fraudsters are simply trying to con you out of cash, and nab your personal information.

4/2/04: Cab Complaints: Montgomery County grapples with increasing complaints regarding cab drivers.

5/5/04: Virginia Gas Prices: Gas prices in Virginia are impacting rates in other areas.

5/12/04: Gas Prices: Warnings that gas prices will increase throughout the summer.

5/18/04: Leamy/Fake DVD: Film pirates steal 3 billion dollars from the entertainment industry every year. Consumers get hurt as well. How to watch out for bootleg buys.

6/14/04: Leamy/Classic Car: People love classic cars, but if you are in the market, make sure you get a classic, not a clone.

7/9/04: Honda CRV Dangers: Safety concerns for Honda CRV owners. When an oil filter is removed, part of the seal may stick to the engine. If that seal isn't removed before the new filter is put in, there is a risk of an oil leak--which could cause a fire. Approximately two dozen of the vehicles have caught fire. 2003 and 2004 model CRV's are not affected. Honda says it is not planning a recall because there is not a problem with the cars.

EXHIBIT B - Community Participation

The following summary illustrates WTTG's and WDCA's various efforts to interact with their community:

Employee Appearances

OCTOBER 2003

October 22 - Allison Seymour, Anchor - Keynote speaker for the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County, MD-Family Self-Sufficiency Program Graduation Ceremony.

October 22 - Dave Feldman, Sports Anchor - Celebrity MC for the Kids Enjoy Exercise Now (KEEN) recreational program fundraising dinner.

NOVEMBER 2003

November 8 - Sherri Ly, Reporter - Speaker for the Boat People S.O.S. Career Day Festival.

November 14 - Shawn Yancey, Anchor - Mistress of Ceremonies, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. partnership with the DC Safe Kids Coalition for the AKA Buckle Up DC Day.

November 17 - Dave Feldman, Sports Anchor and Gwen Tolbart, Weather Anchor – Taste of the NFL fundraiser for DC Central Kitchen

November 21 - Lou Holder, Sports Anchor/Reporter - Honorary Crew Member, Ronald McDonald House Charities, World Children's Day event.

DECEMBER 2003

December 19 - Stuff A Truck community event for the Capital Area Foodbank and Toys for Tots. Every WTTG reporter and anchor attended this event.

JANUARY 2004

January - Michael Gargiulo, Anchor, and Micheline Bowman,
Administrative Assistant, hosted DC Arts Commission event
announcing winners of their art competition.

January 20 - Holly Morris, Reporter, Speaker & Panelist for Education Seminar Guild of Professional Tour Guides of D.C.

FEBRUARY 2004

February 10 -	Allison Seymour, Anchor – Moderator at Georgetown University Medical Center Symposium with practitioners and researchers.		
February 11 -	Dave Feldman, Sports Anchor, Panelist at American University.		
February 21 -	Allison Seymour, Anchor, attended the Rollingcrest-Chillum Community Center health fair for Black History Month.		
February 23 -	Allison Seymour, Anchor, MC for the African American History Program at the National Academy of Sciences.		
February 27 -	Lark McCarthy, Anchor – Mistress of Ceremonies for the National Federation of Black Women Business Owners.		
February 27 -	Tom Sater, Anchor/Meteorologist, participated in the Friends of The Library, Read Across America program.		
February 28 -	Sherri Ly, Reporter, and Shawn Yancy, Anchor, participated In the Read Across America program.		
February 28 -	Holly Morris, Reporter, and Tom Sater, Meteorologist, Master of Ceremonies for the 15 th Annual Casino Night for the National Kidney Foundation.		
MARCH 2004			
March 4 -	Tom Sater, Anchor/Meteorologist, spoke to a classroom of teachers of Environmental Areas of Study at the Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Education Center.		
March 6 -	Sue Palka, Anchor/Meteorologist, Auctioneer and Mistress of Ceremonies for the Holy Child Middle & Upper School fundraiser.		
March 11 -	Lark McCarthy, Anchor, spoke to students at Anacostia High School Theatre Workshop.		
March 13 -	Tom Sater, Anchor/Meteorologist, Master of Ceremonies at a Fundraiser for Suburban Hospital.		

March 20	-	Gwen Tolbart, Anchor/Meteorologist, Mistress of Ceremonies for the Henson Valley Montessori School "Festivals of Color" fundraiser.
March 26	-	Sue Palka, Anchor/Meteorologist, Auctioneer for the Rachael Carson Elementary School Fundraiser.
March 29	-	Sue Palka, Anchor/Meteorologist, spoke to students at Redland Middle School for the <i>Washington Post</i> Weather Contest.
March 6-27	-	Gwen Tolbart, Anchor/Meteorologist, as a member of the Washington Association of Black Journalists, helped teach a Journalism Workshop for high school students, every Saturday in March.
<u>APRIL</u>		
April 2		Tom Sater, Anchor/Meteorologist - Moderator for the National Geographic Society Maryland Geography Bee at Towson Center for the Arts.
April 2		Will Thomas, Reporter, Laura Evans, Anchor/Reporter participated in the Theatre Lab Bardathon.
April 14		Laura Evans, Anchor/Reporter, MC for Saks 5 th Avenue "Hoop Dreams Scholarship Fund" event.
April 17		Holly Morris, Reporter, MC for Montgomery Youth Works Annual Scavenger Hunt.
April 17		Gwen Tolbart, Anchor/Meteorologist, received "Voices Against Violence" award by the The Empower Program.
April 23		Sue Palka, Anchor/Meteorologist, Guest Speaker at the Annual Luncheon/Fashion Show for Holy Cross Hospital Auxiliary.
April 29		Michael Gargiulo, Anchor, attended the Department of the Air Force Media Day.
MAY		
May 2		Will Thomas, Reporter, Master of Ceremonies for the Brain Tumor Society & Brain Tumor Research Trust "Race for Research" fundraiser.

May 3	Dave Feldman, Sports Anchor, participated in the 9 th Annual Celebrity Open to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
May 6	Sherri Ly, Reporter, served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the HUD Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration.
May 6	Micheline Bownman, Administrative Assistant, attended the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce Breakfast.
May 7	Michael Gargiulo, Anchor, Hosted awards ceremony for the Larry Neal Writer's Awards sponsored by the DC Arts Commission.
May 8	Elisabeth Leamy, Reporter, served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the Literacy Volunteers of America fundraiser.
May 10	Lou Holder, Reporter, participated in the Celebrity Golf Tee Benefit for the Negro League Legends Hall of Fame.
May 10	Micheline Bowman, Administrative Assistant, was celebrity guest auctioneer for the Negro League Legends Hall of Fame.
May 12	Lark McCarthy, Anchor panelist for Radio Television News Directors Foundation, RTNDF.
May 19	Michael Gargiulo, Anchor, was a celebrity judge for the DC Central Kitchen's Chili Cook-off.
May 22 & 23	Laura Evans, Anchor/Reporter, MC for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Bike Tour.
<u>JUNE</u>	
June 6	Holly Morris, Reporter, Co-Master of Ceremonies for the Restaurant Association Awards Gala.
June 7	Maureen Umeh, Reporter, was a speaker at the Booker T. Washington Public Charter School awards ceremony.
June 7	Dave Feldman, Sports Anchor, spoke to students at George Washington University about sports in TV.
June 10	Karen Gray Houston, Reporter, accepted award from Military Road School.

June 12 Dave Feldman, Sports Anchor, and Laura Evans, Anchor/Reporter were game announcers for the Hoop Dreams Scholarship Annual Street Basketball Tournament.

June 15 Allison Seymour, Anchor/Reporter, accepted award from the Blinded American Veterans Foundation.

June 26 Brian Bolter, Anchor, Shawn Yancy, Anchor, Gwen Tolbart, Anchor/Meteorologist, Wisdom Martin, Reporter were Honorary Celebrity Judges of the D.C. Caribbean Carnival Parade.

JULY

July 8 Will Thomas, Reporter – Celebrity Judge for D.C. Central Kitchen Cook-Off fundraiser.

AUGUST

August 18 Gwen Tolbart, Anchor/Meteorologist – Attended the Kick-Off for the American Cancer Society's Breast Cancer Awareness

Campaign.

SEPTEMBER

September 9 Sue Palka, Anchor/Meteorologist, Emcee for Neurofibromatosis Foundation 25th Anniversary Dinner.

September 18 Lou Holder, Sports Reporter – Personality appearance at Health & Wellness Fair for Holy Cross Hospital.

September 20 Elisabeth Leamy, Reporter – Emcee for the Washington Humane Society's "Sugar & Champagne" fundraiser to benefit Humane Law Enforcement Officers and Animal Control Officers.

September 22 Shawn Yancy, Anchor – Speaker at Women's Club Leisure World luncheon.

September 25 Will Thomas, Reporter – Honorary Chairperson for the Orphan Foundation of America's National Care Package Day.